



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 818

By Representatives Floyd, Carter, Dean, Favors, McCormick, Akbari, Armstrong, Bailey, Harry Brooks, Calfee, Camper, Dale Carr, Joe Carr, Casada, Coley, Dennis, Doss, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Evans, Faison, Farmer, Fitzhugh, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Halford, Hall, Hardaway, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Matthew Hill, Timothy Hill, Holt, Jernigan, Curtis Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Lamberth, Littleton, Lollar, Love, Lundberg, Lynn, Marsh, Matheny, Matlock, McDaniel, McManus, Miller, Mitchell, Moody, Odom, Parkinson, Pitts, Powell, Ramsey, Rich, Rogers, Sanderson, Sexton, Shaw, Shepard, Shipley, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Tidwell, Todd, Travis, Mike Turner, Van Huss, Watson, Weaver, Dawn White, Mark White, Kent Williams, Ryan Williams, Windle, Wirgau and Madam Speaker Harwell

and

Senators Kyle, Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Amy Thomas upon being named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Amy Thomas is one such person who has demonstrated extraordinary volunteerism within her hometown community of Chattanooga, and she will be recognized as a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 29th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Amy Thomas mastered many of her skills for effective volunteerism through her extensive work with the Junior League of Chattanooga. Utilizing her finance degree expertise, she served as the league's treasurer, finance vice-president, and, ultimately, president; during which terms, she maximized league opportunities to develop leadership skills. She currently serves as a trustee for the Junior League of Chattanooga Endowment Fund; and

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Episcopal Church is Amy Thomas's house of worship, and she serves on the vestry; she and her husband have co-chaired the church's stewardship campaign twice, and she chairs the outreach committee; and

WHEREAS, Amy Thomas is an extraordinary volunteer at Girls Preparatory School (GPS), which she assists in fundraising and where she is perhaps best known for her diligent work on the school's annual fundraising auction, VISIONS; and

WHEREAS, she served as a board member and fundraiser for Hosanna Community, a residential facility in Hixson for adults with traumatic brain injuries, and she chaired or worked on projects with Allied Arts, Memorial Hospital, WTCL, Leadership Chattanooga, and the Hunter Museum; and

WHEREAS, Amy Thomas considers one of her greatest accomplishments to be her family. She and husband, Jamie, have two daughters, and as a family, they will enjoy two graduation celebrations this spring; their oldest daughter, Caroline, graduates from Furman University, and their younger daughter, Taylor, graduates from GPS; and

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WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Mrs. Thomas takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this state the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and


WHEREAS, the success of the state of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mrs. Thomas, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Amy Thomas upon being named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association in Tennessee, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this state a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: March 31, 2014


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2nd day of April 2014


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR