



# State of Tennessee

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 271

**By Representative Hazlewood**

**and**

**Senators Watson, Gardenhire**

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dionne Jennings on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction.

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, one such noteworthy individual is Dionne Jennings, who has been selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2017 Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women in the Chattanooga community who have distinguished themselves and made a difference in the lives of people every day through their professional accomplishments, volunteer service, and philanthropic activities; and

WHEREAS, Dionne Jennings is president of the Bessie Smith Cultural Center; under her inspired leadership, the center reopened its museum, expanded programming, created new partnerships with area organizations, and turned a profit last fall; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Chattanooga, Ms. Jennings previously served as development director for Next Door Chattanooga and director of charitable giving for SunTrust Bank, in which position she placed over 200 employees in volunteer service positions; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of her community, she serves as co-chair of the Chattanooga Women's Leadership Institute's Women Mentoring Women program and also mentors two women in the community; and

WHEREAS, a devoted mother, Dionne Jennings enjoys the love and support of her children, Marquis Robinson and Justin Smith; 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 such as Dionne Jennings who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Dionne Jennings on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

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: April 20, 2017



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR