HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 134

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to recognize Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize influential groups of Tennesseans who promote health and the prevention of disease in their communities and among their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County is one such group of individuals that was established in October 2008 to prevent and reduce the incidence of substance abuse and underage drinking within the bounds of its county's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the mission of this grassroots organization is to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse in Anderson County by collaborating with community partners to implement effective intervention strategies; and

WHEREAS, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County has worked with local governments, law enforcement agencies, school systems, and community leaders to reduce underage drinking by forty-three percent in the last two years; and

WHEREAS, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County has been awarded the GOT OUTCOMES! Coalition of Excellence award by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) in the "Milestones Award" category for its efforts to reduce underage drinking rates in the community; and

WHEREAS, the GOT OUTCOMES! Awards sponsored by CADCA's National Coalition Institute gives national recognition to coalitions that make a strong case for their contributions to population-level substance outcomes by utilizing an inclusive, data-driven, and comprehensive community problem-solving process; coalitions complete a competitive and rigorous two-phase

application process and are judged by a panel of experts at the federal, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County was recognized during CADCA's 2015 National Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C., on the fifth day of February; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate and timely to recognize and applaud the work and reward of an outstanding group of Anderson Countians who are striving for a healthy, safe, and substance abuse–free community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and applaud Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention of Anderson County upon their receipt of national acclaim from Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, thank them for their diligence in making Anderson County a safer and healthier county, and extend our best wishes to them for success in all of their future endeavors.

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