

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 136

By Faison

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Carlene Robinson upon being named the Senior Citizen Home Assistance Service's Person of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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 person is Carlene Robinson, who has distinguished herself as a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Robinson was recently recognized for her outstanding public service by the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service (SCHAS) as its Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, SCHAS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of improving the quality of life for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and their families by providing accessible care and supportive services through compassionate personnel; and

WHEREAS, a Cocke County native, Ms. Robinson attended Walters State Community College and graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Carlene Robinson first began working with Cocke County Senior Center in 2007 through the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) as Director/Coordinator of the Cocke County Office on Aging/Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, before working with ETHRA, Ms. Robinson worked with various Knox County senior centers; her past experiences inspired her to bring the same quality of care to the elderly in her home of Cocke County; and

WHEREAS, she first had to overcome a number of challenges to create a senior center worthy of Cocke County seniors, for the Cocke County Senior Center suffered from roof

leakages and other damages to its foundation as the result of tornado damage and a lack of maintenance over the years; and

WHEREAS, with the help of local volunteers, Ms. Robinson has dedicated the last fifteen years of her life to improving the living conditions of the elderly residents of Cocke County Senior Center while also increasing the awareness of the center and its services; and

WHEREAS, senior adults in Tennessee often set the bar for service in their communities, and it is most fitting that they be recognized and provided for; and

WHEREAS, Carlene Robinson is wholly devoted to her community and is a public-spirited individual of the highest order who has devoted her life to serving her fellow citizens, and she is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Carlene Robinson upon being named by the Senior Citizen Home Assistance Service as Person of the Year and extend to Ms. Robinson our heartiest wishes for continued success in her 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.