

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 290

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Diane Parks on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

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, Diane Parks will be recognized as a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 28th 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, Ms. Parks has had an incredible impact upon the City of Chattanooga during her thirty-five-year career with the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce. After joining the Chamber as a receptionist/switchboard operator, she steadily climbed the ladder through the ranks to become the current director of leadership and community development; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community service, Diane Parks has rendered sterling service during her fourteen years as the director of Leadership Chattanooga, a ten-month leadership development program implemented by the Chamber; and

WHEREAS, she has also dedicated her time and energies in service to a number of civic and community organizations, including the Kiwanis Club of Chattanooga, which she served as president, and the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership, and has sat on the boards of both Goodwill Industries and the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Diane Parks 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 Diane Parks, 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 honor and congratulate Diane Parks on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, 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.