

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 832

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rhonda Ratcliff on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.3 million Tennessee volunteers give over 99 million hours of community service, contributing \$2.6 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda Ratcliff of Sevier County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ratcliff has been volunteering for more than twenty-three years as a leader in the Smoky Shadows Service Unit for the Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians, and she helps with the Girl Scout exhibit at the Sevier County Fair each year; and

WHEREAS, additionally, she is an active member of her church, where she serves in the nursery on Wednesday nights, and she has volunteered with the ski patrol at Ober Gatlinburg for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ratcliff is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; 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 Rhonda Ratcliff for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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.