

HOUSE RESOLUTION 45

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Eva Dillard on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Eva Dillard is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2015 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, after seventeen years of service in speech pathology, mental health, and developmental disabilities, Eva Dillard joined United Way in 1987. Demonstrating great dedication and motivation, she advanced from director of outreach services to vice president of services, executive vice president, and then to president and chief executive officer (CEO) in 2003; and

WHEREAS, as United Way's first female CEO, Mrs. Dillard is a role model and a mentor to young, female professionals looking to climb the ladder to professional leadership. She has worked closely with United Way's board to refine the organization's focus around education, family stability, and supporting the most vulnerable, and she has completed twelve successful fundraising campaigns; and

WHEREAS, an active volunteer and long-term Rotary club member, Eva Dillard sits on the advisory board of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, and she is a member of the Chattanooga Women's Leadership Institute, Leadership Chattanooga's Alumni Association, and the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council, which she previously chaired; and

WHEREAS, her past volunteer activities include serving on the City of Chattanooga's Mini-Grants Review Committee, as a board officer on the Tennessee Commission on National and Community Service, and as a member of the Junior League of Chattanooga's Community Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dillard is nationally recognized as a leader through service as a former chair of United Way of Tennessee's Board of Directors, the 2012 chair of United Way's Presidents' Roundtable, and the 2010 chair of the United Way Southeast Regional Conference; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to her Lord, Mrs. Dillard is an active member and volunteer at St. Paul's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Dick; their daughter, Tempe Wagner; their sons, Duke and Duffy Dillard, and their eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Eva Dillard takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee 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 such as Eva Dillard who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Eva Dillard on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community 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.