

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 479

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Debbie Clifford Brown on being named a 2009 Chattanooga 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, on May 5, 2009, Debbie Clifford Brown was named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, which holds an annual luncheon in the city to honor ten women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Ms. Brown is the Vice-President of Morgan Keegan and Company; and

WHEREAS, she has volunteered her time to a number of worthy causes and organizations; Ms. Brown served as a past board member for the MaryEllen Locher Foundation and the American Cancer Society and is a former co-chair of the Society's first Daffodil Ball; and

WHEREAS, by herself, she raised ten thousand dollars and organized a construction crew to build a church in Venezuela; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown is a member of the Siskin Possibilities Board, and in 2007 she chaired that organization's annual luncheon; she also currently serves on the board of the Bright School Parents Association and volunteers for the Siskin's Children's Institute and the Salvation Army Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she 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 Debbie Clifford Brown, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Debbie Clifford Brown on being named a 2009 Chattanooga 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.