

HOUSE RESOLUTION 175  
By Hagood

A RESOLUTION To congratulate Mrs. Barbara Riggs of Knoxville upon being nominated as the 2001 Tennessee Mother of the Year.

WHEREAS, The members of this legislative body take much pleasure in honoring those citizens of our state who have been recognized as outstanding parents and homemakers, recognizing the value of strong families as essential building blocks for a strong, healthy and stable society; and

WHEREAS, The Parents Association for the Rights of Educating Non-Traditional Students (PARENTS) has nominated Mrs. Barbara Riggs of Knoxville as its candidate for the 2001 Tennessee Mother of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Barbara and her husband, David Riggs, lived in a variety of places during his 20-year Air Force career, including Kansas, England, Texas, Knoxville, and Florida; by the time her daughter reached the 10th grade, she had been enrolled in eleven different schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggs made great effort to ensure that the family residence at each location was truly "home"; she developed a close and continuing relationship with her daughter Sande, and they spent many hours reading together; and

WHEREAS, At each location Barbara Riggs involved herself in church and school activities and made a true home for her family, wherever they resided; she taught Sunday School, even in England, and helped out at her children's schools whenever needed; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggs made every effort to make each family move a positive learning experience for her daughter and encouraged her to follow her dreams as she grew up; Sande now works part-time with adults with disabilities in Azusa, California, while pursuing a goal of eventually obtaining a Doctorate in Education; and

WHEREAS, Following David's retirement from the Air Force, the Riggses settled in Knoxville, where David joined the Police Force and Barbara became involved in local politics; both Barbara and her husband have contributed to their community through encouraging children to play musical instruments; and

WHEREAS, The Riggses have become very involved in the Broadway Baptist Church where Barbara was saved at age six; she is the current Chairman of Mission Support of the Women's Mission Union; and

WHEREAS, Barbara and David are the Co-Presidents of the Air Force Sergeants Organization, which they helped found; and

WHEREAS, Although her daughter is now out on her own, Barbara, in recent years, has helped take care of her now deceased father and her mother, who was a Merit Mother in 1982; she has also seen her husband through several heart attacks and strokes, as well as diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Riggs' parental skills were recognized in 1980 and 1985 when she was honored as a Merit Mother; she has continued to be active in the Tennessee Mothers

Association of American Mothers, serving on the Board in various capacities and having served more recently as Treasurer and President; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Riggs' commitment to her family and a healthy and vital homelife over the years is an outstanding example of loving and responsible parenthood and is worthy of our appreciation and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we congratulate Mrs. Barbara Riggs upon being nominated as the 2001 Tennessee Mother of the Year, thank her for her lifetime of commitment to family values and community service, and extend to her our best wishes for every success in all 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.