

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1028

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Monique Prado Berke upon her selection as a 2008 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee.

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 6, 2008, the American Lung Association of Tennessee, in conjunction with Belk, will present the 23rd Annual Women of Distinction Awards, designating Monique Prado Berke as a 2008 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, a long-standing Chattanooga tradition, the Woman of Distinction Awards are granted to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional career accomplishments and their dedication to the community through their numerous and valuable civic and philanthropic endeavors; the honorees are selected from community nominations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Berke is most assuredly deserving of this prominent award for her singular work with numerous noteworthy causes; on behalf of the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), she has served as the Board Chairman and Chairman of the CAC annual fund, earning her recognition as the 2007 Volunteer of the Year;

WHEREAS, furthermore, Monique Berke has rendered sterling service as a Chair of one segment of the three-day Andrea Walks to raise awareness for victims of sexual and physical abuse, as Co-Chair for the first Club Lib fundraiser for the Bicentennial Library, Co-Founder of the Aleph Bet Children's Preschool Center, and as a board member of the Normal Park Museum Magnet School Parent Teacher Association and of the Creative Discovery Museum, where she was also a Co-Chair of Amuse' Um; and

WHEREAS, while a resident of California, she admirably headed the board of the largest battered women's center in San Francisco; during her time in the Golden State, she also obtained a bachelor's degree and a Master of Business Administration from Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the many estimable offices she has held, Mrs. Berke is an active member of the Rotary Club, Hadassah, and the B'Nai Zion Sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Monique Berke is perhaps most grateful to share both love and companionship with her husband, Senator Andy Berke, and their two daughters, Hannah and Orly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Berke 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 Monique Berke, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Monique Prado Berke on being named as a 2008 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit and extending to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.