

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 303

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kathy Parks upon her induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame.

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, one such noteworthy person is Kathy Parks, who was recently inducted into the Rockwood Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Hall of Fame exists to recognize, celebrate, and honor those exemplary individuals who have distinguished themselves through their success in public service, honorable military service, professional accomplishments, contributions to the community, and personal achievements, and Mrs. Parks' lifetime of excellence in all her endeavors is surely deserving of such recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks has served with acumen and alacrity for twenty-six years at The Bridge at Rockwood, a nursing home facility in Roane County, earning the respect and admiration of the residents and her colleagues alike for her high level of dedication and compassion; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant, she has dedicated her coveted leadership abilities to the welfare of the citizens of Roane County while developing and facilitating the Health Education Meeting for the County and acting as the past President of the Tennessee Health Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, she was selected as Social Worker of the Year in 1995 and was chosen as the Tennessee Society of Health Care's Social Worker of the Year in 2004 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Kathy Parks is most appreciative of the love and support of her husband of thirty-nine years, Tommy Parks, and their two children, David and Hope; and

WHEREAS, possessing a vitality and a zest for life that is extraordinary, Mrs. Parks enjoys participating in her favorite hobbies including working in her garden and lawn; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community who always works to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens, Mrs. Parks epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Kathy Parks for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Kathy Parks upon her induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame, honor and commend her for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, 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.