

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 481

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Peggy Laney 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, Peggy Laney 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. Laney is President of The Design Company Inc., an interior design firm she opened with her husband, Jim; and

WHEREAS, she has volunteered her time to a number of worthy causes and organizations; Ms. Laney is past President of the Tennessee chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers, was Co-Chair of the building campaign for the Fortwood Center, served on the Hamilton County Mental Health Advisory Committee, and is President of the Lookout Mountain Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, a widely respected leader in her community, Peggy Laney stood as Chair of the first Spectrum for the Hunter Museum of American Art, served on the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Department of Human Ecology Advisory Panel, and gave of her time and many talents as a member of the board of the Evans Foundation; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards for her many achievements, Ms. Laney has been the honored recipient of three residential design awards from the Tennessee

chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers and was a member of the team that received a national Interior Design for Humanity Award from the American Society of Interior Designers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Laney 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 Peggy Laney, 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 Peggy Laney 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.