

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 289

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to recognize Aliza Cohen as a 2013 Young Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young people who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as outstanding citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Aliza Cohen, a young woman who has been selected as a recipient of an American Lung Association of Tennessee 2013 Young Women of Distinction award; and

WHEREAS, recipients of this coveted award are young women of the Chattanooga community who have great spirits of volunteerism, and they serve with honor, integrity, enthusiasm, generosity, and compassion to improve the quality of life for their fellow Chattanoogaans; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cohen is an exceptional student at the Baylor School, where she is a member of the Round Table, serves as a campus ambassador, and is a peer tutor. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, is enrolled in seven advanced placement courses, and has mastered two foreign languages; and

WHEREAS, she is passionate about community service and, for four years, Aliza Cohen has devoted her afternoons to tutoring at-risk elementary school children in a local area of high crime, gang violence, and poverty. She has also worked with children in Harlem and Jamaica, has written three grants to provide activities for the Tubman Housing Project, and established a scholarship fund at Re:Start, a center for Adult Education; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cohen is active in the Mizpah Congregation and is a talented musician who has played with the Chattanooga Youth Symphony and Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Aliza Cohen believes that human dignity is an inalienable right and her passion for working for others is a fundamental part of her everyday life; and

WHEREAS, Aliza Cohen's drive and desire to serve others and improve her community is highly commendable, and it is appropriate that this legislative body recognize her for receiving this award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Aliza Cohen as a 2013 Young Woman of Distinction and extend to her our best wishes for success in every future endeavor.

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