

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sissy Figlestahler on being named a 2014 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, Sissy Figlestahler will be recognized as a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 29th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sissy Figlestahler is a native of the Chattanooga and North Georgia area but currently resides in Cleveland; she has been married to her husband, Andy, for fifteen years and has four sons age nine and younger; and

WHEREAS, a longtime volunteer in the community, Mrs. Figlestahler happily equates being busy with being blessed and makes the most of each day as a dedicated civic leader; and

WHEREAS, prior to having children, Mrs. Figlestahler worked in the pharmaceutical sales industry for several years; today, she juggles a variety of roles and hosts a weekly radio talk show on 99.9 WOOP-FM. Renowned for her upbeat positive personality, she covers topics in the news and shares tips on a variety of subjects with her listeners; and

WHEREAS, she is also a “serious foodie” and gourmet cook who utilizes her culinary skills as a regular contributing writer to *Whisk* food magazine; and

WHEREAS, Sissy is a certified yoga instructor and teaches several yoga classes each week at her church and at BeYoga in Ooltewah; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Figlestahler firmly believes in the Boy Scouts' mission and supports the organization at every opportunity; she has served as a den leader in Cub Scouts for several years and has volunteered for various other scouting responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Sissy is also very active in her church, having served as a Sunday school teacher, youth Bible study leader, and a member of numerous committees, and is currently a member of the board of trustees for Broad Street United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, in the community, she is a past member of the Junior League of Chattanooga and past president and life member of the Junior Auxiliary of Cleveland and has volunteered for several non-profit organizations, including the Museum Center at 5 Points, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, New Hope Pregnancy Center, the Jewish Cultural Center, and several others in Chattanooga and Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Sissy Figlestahler takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee 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 such as Sissy Figlestahler who use their talents and resources to serve others; 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 honor and congratulate Sissy Figlestahler on being named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make her community 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.