

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 724

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bethany Haven Burns as a 2016 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 individual is Bethany Haven Burns, a young woman who was selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2016 Young Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, this coveted award is given to young women in the Chattanooga community who work with honor, integrity, enthusiasm, generosity, and compassion to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, valedictorian of her senior class at Signal Mountain Middle/High School, Bethany Burns has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average, while being enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program; and

WHEREAS, named a National Merit Finalist, Ms. Burns is a five-time recipient of the Carson Scholarship funded by Dr. Ben Carson and a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, a member of two state championship golf teams, Bethany Burns finished third in the state in both her junior and senior years and was the two-year captain of her team; she has also served as a volunteer coach at The First Tee of Chattanooga and has been statistician for both the Signal Mountain football and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, highly esteemed as a leader by her peers, Ms. Burns has served as state president for the Technology Student Association and was elected speaker pro tempore of the YMCA Youth in Government conference; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a valued member of the Signal Corps Symphonic Band and the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Bethany Burns has been awarded the superlatives of Classiest, Most Responsible, and Friendliest by her classmates, and she has been selected as Signal Mountain's Distinguished Young Woman; and

WHEREAS, possessing an impeccable work ethic, solid character, and innate leadership skills, Ms. Burns is an outstanding young Tennessean who works with purpose and commitment to make her community and its citizens the very best they can be, and she is fully deserving of the approbation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Bethany Haven Burns on being honored as a 2016 Young Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued 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.