

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 731

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Julie Guerry on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction.

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, Julie Guerry is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2016 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-five year resident of Chattanooga, Julie Guerry has been deeply involved in her community as a volunteer, including a tenure with READ Chattanooga, the adult literacy program, as a Domestic Peace Corps volunteer; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Junior League of Chattanooga from 1990 to 2001, she served as the Bargain Mart Chair, Vice President of Programs, and President. As a result of her work with the Mini Grants Program, teachers have been awarded more than \$20,000 annually to create programs that enhance school curriculums; and

WHEREAS, a 2001 graduate of Leadership Chattanooga and an avid supporter of local schools, Julie Guerry has championed many leadership roles while serving on the Lookout Mountain School Parent Board, the Baylor School Parent Board, and the Bright School Parent Board for many years; and

WHEREAS, a board member of the Chattanooga Humane Educational Society for three years, Mrs. Guerry has led efforts to reduce the number of unwanted animals in Chattanooga by supporting local spay and neutering programs, promoting the adoption of disabled animals, and visiting schools and events to teach children how to properly care for animals; and

WHEREAS, passionate about the arts, Mrs. Guerry has served Ballet Tennessee as a board member for three years; the Hunter Museum of Art as a Volunteer Board member, Hunter Board member, Spectrum Chair, Spectrum Art Selection Chair, and Spectrum Sponsorship Chair; and the Arts & Education Council as a board member, Art-a-ma-jig Chair, and Sponsorship Chair; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Guerry has received the Volunteer Award from the Hunter Museum of Art for her dedication to volunteer service and the Philanthropy Day Award from the Arts & Education Council for her fundraising efforts and work with the Celebration of Southern Writers; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Zan Guerry, and their children, Hagan Harman, Margaret Harman, and Helen Guerry; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Julie Guerry 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 Julie Guerry who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; 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 honor and congratulate Julie Guerry on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State better places 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.