

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 735

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nicole D. Brown 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, Nicole D. Brown 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, Nicole Brown is an academic advisor and adjunct faculty member at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), serving as the faculty advisor and instructor of the university's first student-run Internet radio station, for which she trains staff and manages the class's budget; and

WHEREAS, with considerable leadership experience, Ms. Brown has served on the board of directors of The Roland Carter Institute for Studies in American Music; Partnership for Families, Children and Adults; Chattanooga Women's Leadership Institute; and the Chattanooga Choral Society for the Preservation of African American Song; and

WHEREAS, currently serving on Mayor Andy Berke's Council for Women, she has also lent her considerable skills and expertise to the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce Downtown Council, UTC Leadership Development Team, UTC Faculty & Staff Work Life Diversity Research Team, and UTC United Way Campaign Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated servant to her community, Nicole Brown has volunteered with the Bessie Smith Cultural Center, the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, The Future Is Ours, and the Chattanooga Women's Leadership Institute Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown's previous work in the UTC Office of Equity and Diversity promoted a culture of inclusion for UTC and created and facilitated university training relating to equity and diversity; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Nicole Brown created The Perch Mentoring Program for area high school students interested in broadcasting, and, under her leadership, The Perch staff covered the 2012 presidential election and collaborated with MOCS News and the Echo staff to facilitate real life experience providing live coverage of a historical event; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Ms. Brown was recognized as a Yellow Rose Broadcasting Celebrant by the National Association of Negro Business and the Professional Women's Club; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Nicole Brown takes her place among many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee a reputation as 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 Nicole Brown 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 Nicole D. Brown 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.