

HOUSE RESOLUTION 41

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Betty Jolly on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Betty Jolly is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2015 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, Ms. Jolly has been actively involved in her community for sixty years; and

WHEREAS, Betty Jolly began serving her community in 1951 as an Alpha Beta chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority member and volunteer. She has held various leadership positions for the chapter and state, and three officer positions in the Southeastern Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jolly currently is a member of the Ways and Means Committee and serves as the St. Jude project coordinator for Tennessee, overseeing the processing of ticket sales for all St. Jude Dream Homes. She is also in charge of recruiting volunteers; and

WHEREAS, she opened her own office with Nationwide Insurance in 1960 and has received recognition for her professionalism, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Betty Jolly joined the board of directors for the Walter E. Boehm Birth Defects Center, and has served as board chair. She is currently an active lifetime board member, serves on the program committee, and coordinates the Taster's luncheon and Nuts Sale fundraisers, and she also oversees the volunteers at the annual patient family event; and

WHEREAS, firmly believing in making a difference in the lives of others, Betty Jolly has been an active member of her community, serving as chair of the Wanda Fleming Foundation Scholarship Fund Committee, which benefits the Orange Grove Center; and

WHEREAS, she is an active member of First Christian Church, which she has served as congregation chair and currently serves as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jolly enjoys cooking, traveling, and watching sports. She also enjoys baking for events that benefit Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, she is proud of her three children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Ms. Jolly 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 Betty Jolly 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, that we hereby honor and congratulate Betty Jolly on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction, 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.