

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 222

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Helen Ross McNabb Center on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those organizations that are pillars in their communities, providing vital services that benefit the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the Helen Ross McNabb Center, which has been helping children, adults, and families with addiction, mental illness, and social challenges since opening its doors on May 30, 1948; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Ross McNabb Center serves twenty-five counties in East Tennessee and includes fourteen outpatient mental health centers; 900 professionals work with 27,000 children and adults annually; and

WHEREAS, working with children from birth through adolescence, the Helen Ross McNabb Center offers early childhood intervention and prevention services, mental health services, substance use and co-occurring treatment, crisis services, social services, foster care and adoption services, juvenile justice services, and school-based services; and

WHEREAS, the Center also supports adults through its mental health services, substance use and co-occurring treatment, crisis services, social services, domestic violence services, sexual assault services, criminal justice services, and counseling for those who are affected by their own or a loved one's military service; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Ross McNabb Center is often recognized for its good work; recent honors include the Excellence in Addictions Treatment Award from the National Council Awards of Excellence and the Program of Excellence Award from the Tennessee Association of

Mental Health Organizations; both awards recognize the Center's Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Continuum of Care; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary organization benefits from the experience and wisdom of the members of its Board of Directors, which provides leadership and direction; it also boasts 1,106 volunteers, who provided 32,440 hours of service last year to help support the Center's mission and daily operations; and

WHEREAS, Helen Ross McNabb's legacy is carried on through her children, Dick McNabb, Sandy McNabb, and Ellie Kassem, and her son-in-law, Bob Kassem, who have served as board members and remain connected to the Center's staff and programs; and

WHEREAS, for seventy years, the Helen Ross McNabb Center has played an invaluable role in the lives of children, adults, and families, and it is appropriate that we recognize this stalwart organization on this momentous occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Helen Ross McNabb Center on the occasion of its seventieth anniversary and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.