

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1132

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Carlene Robinson on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Carlene Robinson of Cocke County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to helping the senior citizens of Cocke County, Ms. Robinson has volunteered her time and effort in many capacities, assisting seniors with tax preparation during tax season and helping them with registration and changes during the Medicare and Medicaid open enrollment period; and

WHEREAS, each Thanksgiving, Ms. Robinson organizes and delivers meals to the sick and homebound, organizing the event and recruiting volunteers to pack and deliver more than 600 meals; during the holiday season, she also organizes a craft bazaar with local churches to benefit charities that cater to the senior population; and

WHEREAS, a caring member of her community, Ms. Robinson organizes a December luncheon to honor law enforcement and first responders in Cocke County, and for the last ten

years, she has also been the primary force behind the restoration of the Tanner Building, the local school for African-American children during segregation; and

WHEREAS, Carlene Robinson is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Carlene Robinson for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.