

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44 of the First Extraordinary Session  
By Caldwell

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ms. Diantha Pare' on her most recent accolade.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who, through their personal efforts, are a credit to their state and have distinguished themselves as community leaders and of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Diantha Pare', who recently retired from her five-year stint as President of the Board of Directors of Aid to Distressed Families of Anderson County (ADFAC); and

WHEREAS, she was recently honored by the Oak Ridge City Council with a proclamation written and passed in her honor, naming September 21, 1998, as Diantha Pare' Day, whereby it stated that, "...by volunteering so much of her time...generations will benefit from her work..."; and

WHEREAS, Diantha moved to Oak Ridge in 1951 and earned her Masters degree in Special Education from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she expertly taught in the Oak Ridge school system for 18 years and instructed for two years at the Oak Ridge Nursery School, directed the Head Start program, and performed many other acts of good will; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with ADFAC, she still finds time to lend her remarkable talents to such noteworthy causes as the League of Women Voters, the Housing

Development Corporation of the Clinch Valley, the Anderson County Head Start, and many others; and

WHEREAS, she has held the offices of President, Vice President, and Co-President of the League of Women Voters, where she has chaired or served on almost all of the LWV committees, including spearheading a successful financial drive for the League; and

WHEREAS, Diantha wrote a successful grant application for Anderson County's first Head Start initiative; she was appointed by the City Council to chair the Friendship Bell Committee that successfully ended the "peace" wars; and

WHEREAS, this busy lady even directs the annual YWCA plant sale; and

WHEREAS, her many accolades and achievements are so numerous that it would be too arduous a task to mention every single office this ambitious woman has ever achieved, but let it be known that she is quite a leader, having been elected and has served in many capacities for the UT Arboretum, Oak Ridge American Civil Liberties Union, Peter Bynam Memorial Scholarship committee, Sallie McCaskill Scholarship committee, Kids Voting, Teen Parenting Center for teenage mothers, Tabitha's Table (in association with Robertsville Baptist Church, where dinners are made for the homebound), Friends of the Library summer program; and this bionic woman also picks up litter on the roadside, helping to keep Oak Ridge clean and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, her many honors and achievements aside, Ms. Pare´ is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her two children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pare´ evinces her devout religious faith as a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, where her leadership qualities cannot be quelled; she has served as the director of religious education. She currently serves as the church board secretary, Sunday school teacher and chair of the swamped and overwhelmed church grounds committee. Diantha also runs her own taxi service to and from church, as she picks up those who would otherwise have no way to church services; and

WHEREAS, seldom does a lady of Diantha Pare's stature walk among us, and it is fitting that she should be specially recognized for her life of purpose and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Ms. Pare for her many good deeds as we congratulate her for being recognized by the Oak Ridge City Council when they declared that September 21, 1998, be remembered as Diantha Pare Day in Oak Ridge.

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