

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 261

By Jernigan

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Dot Ponder for her more than thirty years of service to the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girls Scouts of the United States of America is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the troop leaders and volunteers such as Dot Ponder, who lend their time and talents to promote the Girl Scout mission to "build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place," are deserving of the recognition of the members of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, known in the organization by her Girl Scout name "Buzz," Ms. Ponder has been a registered member and active volunteer in the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Dot Ponder began her work with the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee in 1967 as the leader of Junior Troop 783, and, since that time, she has served the organization in numerous capacities, including as a troop leader, tennis instructor, canoe instructor, and camp director; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ponder guided her three daughters from the rank of Brownie to Senior Girl Scout and helped her granddaughter advance from the rank of Daisy to Junior Girl Scout; and

WHEREAS, in her thirty-year tenure with the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, she has camped in a variety of environmental conditions, consumed questionable campsite meals,

distributed gallons of bug spray and calamine lotion, and spent numerous hours sewing hundreds of badges and patches on vests and jackets; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Dot Ponder as one of the most outstanding individuals in this State; 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 recognize Dot Ponder for thirty years of dedicated service to the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, commend her for her contributions to the advancement and development of Tennessee's young women, 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.