

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 279

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rachel Schulson on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Rachel Schulson, who was selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2017 Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women in the Chattanooga community who have distinguished themselves and made a difference in the lives of people every day through their professional accomplishments, volunteer service, and philanthropic activities in the Chattanooga area; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Schulson is the founder and executive director of A Step Ahead, an organization that enables women of all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds to plan their futures; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of her community, Mrs. Schulson serves as a board member of the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga and the Family Planning Advisory Council of Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department; she served as the first chair of the Healthcare Committee of the Mayor's Council for Women and previously served as director of communications at the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Rachel Schulson actively participated in the Children's International Summer Villages, which brings children, teens, and adults from around the world together for summer programs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Schulson authored a children's safety book entitled *Guns: What You Should Know*, which educates young children about gun safety; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife and mother, Rachel Schulson enjoys the love and companionship of her husband, Henry Schulson, and her children, Michael and Leah; 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 Rachel Schulson, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Rachel Schulson on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

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