

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 734

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marcia Meredith Eason on being named a 2016 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, Marcia Meredith Eason is one such estimable individual who has been named a 2016 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, involved in complex litigation since 1985, Marcia Eason is a practicing attorney with Miller & Martin, PLLC, a life fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a fellow of the Chattanooga Bar Foundation, a fellow and past president of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, a Vision 2020 National Delegate for Tennessee, a member of the Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, a former chair of the Court Environmental Committee of the Tennessee Supreme Court, chair of the board of trustees of the Tennessee Legal Community Foundation, a former co-chair of the Chattanooga Programs for the Tennessee Bar Association's Leadership Class, and former president and treasurer of the Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of numerous accolades, Ms. Eason was awarded the Chattanooga Bar Association's Ralph H. Kelly Humanitarian Award as well as the Alumni Award for Private Sector Achievement by the University of Houston Law Center. She was also named

"Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*, was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, and was selected for inclusion in *Mid-South Super Lawyers*; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated servant to her community, she was selected by Girls, Inc., for *Unbought and Unbossed* 2008, was a former chair of the board of directors at the A.I.M. Center, was a former chair of the board of directors of Chattanooga's Kids on the Block, is a member of Tennessee Leadership, and is involved with United Way of Greater Chattanooga in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Marcia Eason takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee a reputation as the Volunteer State; 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 Marcia Eason, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; 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 hereby honor and congratulate Marcia Meredith Eason on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State better places to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

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