

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 738

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Betsy Blunt Brown 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, Betsy Blunt Brown 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, Betsy Brown is the vice president, trust officer, and regional manager of Cumberland Trust and a founding partner of The JumpFund, a fund dedicated to investing in women entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chattanooga, Mrs. Brown earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in East Asian Studies from Washington and Lee University, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining Cumberland Trust, Betsy Brown was a vice president of JPMorgan Private Bank in Atlanta, and worked for more than ten years at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, where she was a director on the Fixed Income Origination team; and

WHEREAS, Betsy Brown is deeply involved in her community, serving as a trustee of her alma mater, Girls Preparatory School, board member and finance committee chair of the AIM Center for Mental Health, president of the Chattanooga Washington and Lee Alumni Chapter, and board member for the Association of Visual Arts, The Estate Planning Council of

Chattanooga, The Generosity Trust, Bible in the Schools, and past board member and secretary of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga. She is also a volunteer at Siskin Children's Institute and Thrasher Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Hugh, and their children, Elizabeth, Hugh, and Hudson; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Betsy Brown takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of 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 Betsy Blunt Brown 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 Betsy Blunt Brown on being named a 2016 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place 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.