

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 810

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Debbie Ingram on being named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

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, Dr. Debbie Bryson Ingram will be recognized as a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 29th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ingram served as a physical therapist at Erlanger Medical Center prior to her recruitment by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) to help start the university's physical therapy program. She now serves as the director of clinical education, a UC Foundation professor, and the interim department head, and throughout her years in education, Dr. Ingram has taught more than six hundred physical therapy students; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her profession, Dr. Debbie Ingram lent her time and expertise as the chair of the Tennessee Board of Occupational and Physical Therapy Examiners, the vice president of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, and as national chair of clinical education and federal affairs liaison for the American Physical Therapy Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Ingram authored numerous research publications, one of which won the Stanford Award as "most influential." She is a

frequent speaker at national meetings and was recently named a Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association, the highest honor given by the profession; and

WHEREAS, she is also deeply involved in volunteerism and served as the local chapter president of the University of Tennessee (UT) Alumni Association, as a member of the UTC Alumni Board of Directors, as the 2007-08 president of the UT National Alumni Association, as a parent volunteer at the Bright School, as a member of the Parents Board at Baylor School, as a member of the Chattanooga Ballet Board, as a member of several committees at First Baptist Church, and as the chair of the Crisis Services Committee for the Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults. A true supporter of the athletics programs at UTC, Dr. Ingram currently serves as the faculty athletics representative and previously served as the chair of the search committee for UTC's new director of athletics; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband of thirty-five years, David Ingram, and their daughter, Alexandra; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Dr. Debbie Ingram 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 Dr. Ingram who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Debbie Ingram on being named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga 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.