

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 858

By Helton

A RESOLUTION to honor Jackson and Milli Yium, founders of The Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to honor individuals who are dedicated to the health, safety, and well-being of their community; and

WHEREAS, two such individuals are Jackson and Milli Yium of Chattanooga; the couple founded The Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area and brought the first dialysis clinic to the area; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, Jackson Yium, a nephrologist, and his wife, Milli Yium, a registered nurse and clinical psychologist, came to Chattanooga to start a kidney treatment program at Erlanger and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the couple opened the first dialysis clinic for outpatient treatment in July of 1973, and the Erlanger transplant center performed its first transplant in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their work at The Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area, Dr. Yium served as Director of Nephrology and was the senior partner of Nephrology Associates, and Milli Yium previously worked in dialysis and transplant, providing both nursing and psychological support; and

WHEREAS, chartered on October 30, 1989, The Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area is an independent Kidney Foundation, meaning it receives no funding from the National Kidney Foundation and does not participate in any National Kidney Foundation programs; and

WHEREAS, because the foundation is a local nonprofit organization, 100 percent of all funds raised stay within the greater Chattanooga area, ensuring members of the community continue to receive the best care possible; and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area is to provide help and information to those diagnosed with kidney disease; the vision of the foundation is to be the leading resource of kidney-related support in the greater Chattanooga area, including patient assistance, education, awareness, and prevention that improve the community's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Jackson and Milli Yium are two remarkable community leaders whose accomplishments in life stand as true inspiration for all, and they are worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jackson and Milli Yium of The Kidney Foundation of the Greater Chattanooga Area for their important work within the community and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.