

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 884

By Goins

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the General Federated Women's Clubs of Morristown on the occasion of their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Tables.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable individuals and organizations that are dedicated to helping others; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the General Federated Women's Clubs (GFWC) of Morristown, which will be holding its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Tables fundraising event on March 15, 2018, to benefit the Community Improvement Project (CIP); and

WHEREAS, considered the heart and soul of the GFWC, the Community Improvement Project was established in 1955; then known as the Community Achievement Program, it is designed to meet the needs of local nonprofit organizations and to promote an ongoing relationship between the clubs and area nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Celebration of Tables began ten years ago as an annual fundraiser to sustain the CIP for many years to come; since 2009, more than \$100,000 has been raised to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, between 2009 and 2016, the GFWC fundraiser has featured ALPS Adult Day Services, the Morristown-Hamblen Library, the Ministerial Association for Temporary Shelter (MATS), Girls' Incorporated of Hamblen County, and CEASE Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the GFWC has recognized CEASE Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Central Services, Crockett Tavern Museum, Encore Theatrical Company, Friends of Hospice, Girls' Incorporated of Hamblen County, Hidden Treasures, MATS,

Morristown Parks and Recreation, Morristown's First Fire Truck Restoration Committee, Morristown-Hamblen Covenant Health Services, the Morristown-Hamblen Humane Society, the Morristown-Hamblen Library, Rose Center, Senior Citizen's Center, Senior Citizen Home Assistance Services, Stepping Out, Inc., and The Theatre Guild; and

WHEREAS, with the theme to "Open Doors into Our Community," the GFWC celebration this year will honor the past accomplishments of the Celebration of Tables and welcome spring once again with beautiful and creative tablescapes; and

WHEREAS, the members of the General Federated Women's Clubs of Morristown are exemplary Tennesseans; their commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and they should be specially recognized; 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 honor and commend the General Federated Women's Clubs of Morristown on the occasion of their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Tables, applaud the organization for its unwavering dedication to helping the citizens of Tennessee, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

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