

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 117

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Ann Hutcheson Price of Nashville on her induction into the Vanderbilt University Athletics Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize those extraordinary athletes and coaches who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor and distinction to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Dr. Ann Hutcheson Price of Nashville, who was honored with induction into the Vanderbilt University Athletics Hall of Fame on September 3, 2010, a fitting recognition of her extraordinary collegiate tennis career; and

WHEREAS, playing in the days before Title IX, Ann Hutcheson Price and her fellow teammates on the women's tennis team did not receive athletic scholarships and they were essentially self-coached, receiving only meager support from their school; and

WHEREAS, overcoming such roadblocks with a robust determination and a will to win, Ann Hutcheson Price became a champion tennis player and one of the most successful athletes in the history of Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, proud to represent Vanderbilt University, Ann Hutcheson Price played No. 1 singles and doubles while serving as co-captain of the team, and she led the squad to decisive victories over the University of Georgia and the University of Tennessee during her career; and

WHEREAS, a Nashville native, Ann Hutcheson Price was an outstanding athlete at Hillsboro High School, where she starred on the girls basketball team, ran track, and played tennis; and

WHEREAS, a three-time Nashville Interscholastic League Most Valuable Player award winner - two basketball awards and one tennis award - Dr. Price was most appropriately inducted into the Metro Nashville Public Schools Hall of Fame in 2006; and

WHEREAS, her basketball career came to an end upon her enrollment at Vanderbilt University, which did not offer a women's basketball program at the time. As a result, Ann Price fulfilled her athletic desires as a member of the tennis team; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Price sliced up her opponents using a powerful serve and dominating forehand, and she garnered three consecutive Tennessee State Collegiate singles titles, 1969-71, a 1969 doubles championship, and a semi-finalist spot at the Southern Women's Intercollegiate Championship in 1971; and

WHEREAS, fearless of any foe or college athletics administrator, Ann Hutcheson Price negotiated the necessary funds from Vanderbilt business manager Pete Naylor to purchase flights to Las Cruces, New Mexico, for herself and teammate Nancy Bargo to compete in the National Women's Tennis Tournament in 1970 and 1971; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Price advanced to the round of sixteen in singles competition at both the 1970 and 1971 National Women's Tennis Tournament and advanced with teammate Bargo to the round of eight in doubles, putting the finishing touches on a sterling career; and

WHEREAS, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in three years, Ann Price graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1971 with induction into Phi Beta Kappa, returning later to her alma mater to attend medical school; and

WHEREAS, one of only thirteen women in the 1978 class at Vanderbilt University's School of Medicine, Dr. Price finished first in her class and received the Founder's Medal for Academic Achievement as the top graduate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ann Price completed her internship in internal medicine at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, served her residency in internal medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and was named Chief Resident of Internal Medicine at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, during her extensive medical career, Dr. Price has served as Medical Director of American General Life and Accident Insurance Company, Medical Director of the Vanderbilt Employee Health Service – Acute Primary Care Service, Occupational Health Service and Employee Assistance Program, Medical Director of Vanderbilt Health Plans,

Medical Director of Columbia Healthcare Network, President and Chief Medical Officer of Columbia Healthcare Network, Associate Medical Director of Health Affairs at St. Thomas Hospital, Chief Medical Officer of St. Thomas Health Services, Medical Director of Managed Care and Associate Chief Physician Executive at St. Thomas Health Services, and Executive Director of Medical Alumni Affairs at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, currently standing as the Associate Dean for Alumni Affairs at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and as a member of the Faculty Senate at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Price also serves as Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Medical Education and Administration, with a secondary appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Price is a former Chairman of the Board of the Nashville Academy of Medicine and is an active member of the Tennessee Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Physicians; and

WHEREAS, a vital part of her community and graduate of Leadership Nashville, she has served as the Director of the Spina Bifida Association of Middle Tennessee since 1984 and has lent her talents and time to a number of organizations, including the Girl Force Advisory Council, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Middle Tennessee, the West Nashville Sports League, the Community Healthcare Consortium, the Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee, the Blakeford Board, the American Heart Association, the Nashville Tennis Association, the YMCA Foundation, the Kennedy Center Community Advisory Council, and the Canby Robinson Society; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Price was inducted into the Tennessee Tennis Hall of Fame and the Metro Nashville Public Schools Hall of Fame and represented Vanderbilt University in the Southeastern Conference's seventy-fifth anniversary "Story of Character"; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ann Price is most appreciative of the love and support of her husband, Scott Todd Price, and her two children, Patrick H.J. Price and Rachel K. Apple; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Price serves as an example of vitality and dedication to the people of Tennessee, and she should be duly recognized for the boundless energy and remarkable talent she brings to all her chosen endeavors, athletic and otherwise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, colleagues, and former teammates of Dr. Ann Hutcheson Price in congratulating her upon her induction into the Vanderbilt University Athletics Hall of Fame, commend her for her substantial legacy as an athlete and physician, and offer our deep appreciation for the dedication that she has shown our State.

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