

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 474

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lillie Wills on being named a 2009 Chattanooga 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, on May 5, 2009, Lillie Wills was named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, which holds an annual luncheon in the city to honor ten women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Ms. Wills served for forty years with acumen and alacrity as an employee of BellSouth; she was a Project Manager for the development and delivery of BellSouth.net training to seven thousand customer contact employees throughout the company's nine-state region, and her training program served as a model across the nation; and

WHEREAS, she has volunteered her time to a number of worthy causes and organizations; she currently sits on the boards of the Association for Visual Arts, the Chattanooga Theater Center, and the Chattanooga African-American Museum, which she serves as Secretary of the Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Leadership Walker County, Ms. Wills is a Theater Center Associates Member and Chairwoman of the Chattanooga Public Art Committee; in addition, she chaired the Association for Visual Art's twentieth anniversary event; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wills epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State 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 like Lillie Wills, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lillie Wills on being named a 2009 Chattanooga 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.