

SENATE RESOLUTION 36

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Junior League of Chattanooga on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to recognize those organizations that are on the forefront of social reform, identifying problems and finding solutions in a collaborative way within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Chattanooga is one such organization, which celebrates its centennial anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, founded by Elise Chapin Moon and C.C. Nottingham, the Junior League of Chattanooga is the oldest volunteer organization for women in Chattanooga, the second oldest Junior League in the South, and the nineteenth oldest Junior League in the country; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Junior League of Chattanooga has donated over \$2 million to community partners and local initiatives, including funding more than \$450,000 in grants for Hamilton County teachers since 1988 through its Mini-Grants for Teachers Program; and

WHEREAS, the Junior League of Chattanooga has been instrumental in numerous community partnerships, including building the nature center at Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center, working closely with the Girls' Club of Chattanooga and the Hamilton County Juvenile Court System, operating nurseries for working mothers, and printing approximately 4,000 activity booklets for children in local hospitals and childcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, through the years, the Junior League of Chattanooga has received numerous awards, including the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Nonprofit of the Year Award, the 2011 WTCI Be More Engaging Award—People's Choice, the Erlanger

Medical Center's Second Century Fellows Award, and the Orange Grove Recognition Award. In addition, the Junior League of Chattanooga has been recognized as an Ambassador of Goodwill for the City of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Junior League of Chattanooga have committed their efforts to empowering local women and building a better community for a century now, and for these noble acts this legislative body would like to express its gratitude; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and congratulate the Junior League of Chattanooga on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish its members continued success in all their future endeavors.

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