



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 228

By Senators Berke, Watson, Henry, Herron, Harper

and

Representatives Dean, McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mai Bell Hurley on being named the 2011 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 3, 2011, Mai Bell Hurley will be recognized as the 2011 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 26th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, to be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, honoree Mai Bell Hurley has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens by volunteering her time to a number of worthy causes and organizations, including serving as a board member of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Public Library, Chattanooga History Center, Fort Wood Center, First Tennessee Bank, WTCI-TV, and Little Miss Mag; and

WHEREAS, a visionary leader and intrepid pioneer, Mrs. Hurley was the founding chair of the Partnership for Family and Children Services, the first woman to chair the United Way Campaign and the United Way board, the first woman elected and first woman chair on the Chattanooga City Council, and the first woman to chair the First Centenary United Methodist Church's administrative board; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to strengthening the arts and culture in Chattanooga, Mai Bell Hurley served with acumen and alacrity as the chairman of the Chattanooga Symphony board and founding member of Allied Arts; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hurley dearly loves children and worked assiduously to promote their health and well-being as the chair of the Child Welfare League of America and the National Council on Accreditation, the chair of the Hamilton County Children's Services Committee, and a member of the National Commission on Children; and

WHEREAS, a proud resident of the "Scenic City", Mrs. Hurley created the Chattanooga History Center to preserve its local artifacts and share the community's rich history with the next generation of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, as the chair of the Chattanooga Venture, Mai Bell Hurley was a magnificent leader and catalyst for positive change, overseeing two of its most impressive initiatives: the Tennessee Aquarium and Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hurley enjoyed many years of marital bliss with her husband, Bern Hurley, before he went onto his great reward, and she is the proud mother of Tal Hurley and Marie Hurley Blair and the doting grandmother of Marian and Eleanor Blair; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Mai Bell Hurley 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 Mrs. Hurley, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; 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 hereby honor and congratulate Mai Bell Hurley on being named the 2011 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.

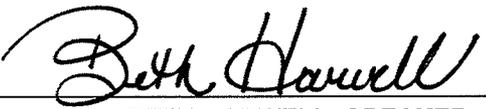
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 2, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR