

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 917

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Northside
Neighborhood House of Chattanooga on the
occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those organizations that, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable establishment is the Northside Neighborhood House of Chattanooga, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, founded on February 14, 1924, by charter members Rose Longgley and Emily Page Schlesinger, among other supporters, the Northside Neighborhood House has a mission to provide a hand up, not a handout, to neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, local women grew concerned about the welfare of neighbors and opened a neighborhood center on the North Shore, helping those who were sick, patching marital rifts, and providing kindergarten classes, in addition to teaching life skills, such as sewing and quilting as a means of self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, these women also recognized that bedding was a concern for mothers who needed to keep their children warm while living in temporary shacks, lean-tos, and other forms of substandard housing; and

WHEREAS, previously known as the North Chattanooga Community Center, the first home of the Northside Neighborhood House was at 1 Frazier Avenue in an edifice that housed a broom factory; when a fire caused a stove to burn a hole in the floor, Mrs. Longgley had a piece of zinc placed over the hole so the building could be used; and

WHEREAS, as the center continued to grow, it moved across the street to 2 Frazier Avenue in 1925; the center was moved again in 1931 to 530 North Market Street, providing the center with the opportunity to serve more people and offer additional programs to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Northside Neighborhood House's first director was Mrs. W.H. Delaney, who was assisted by Mrs. M.A. Parks; Rose Longgley became the director in 1937, in which capacity she served for thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, the Northside Neighborhood House has played an invaluable role in the lives of children, adults, and families throughout Chattanooga; it has remained inspired by its mission to lend a helping hand and has assisted neighbors living north of the Tennessee River for a century, making it an icon in the community both today and for many years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Northside Neighborhood House of Chattanooga on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.