

A RESOLUTION honoring five women of distinction.

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2015, at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, the 28th annual Celebration of Service and Survival, a fundraiser for the nonprofit Center for Women and Families, will honor five women of distinction; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Women and Families helps victims of intimate partner abuse or sexual violence to become survivors, and it recognizes outstanding women in the community who contribute to education, health care, civil rights, the arts, and other human services. The Center serves more than 30,000 individuals annually; and

WHEREAS, this year's women of distinction are Pat Byron, Dawne Gee, Carol Jordan, Dorothy "Dot" Ridings, and Audrey Tayse Haynes; and

WHEREAS, Pat Byron has a long history of advocacy for victims of violence and crime that stems from the murder of her daughter in 1993. She helped with the creation of VINE (Victims Notification and Information Everyday) and has lobbied to create a statewide notification system for victims; and

WHEREAS, Dawne Gee is a news anchor at WAVE-3 television and a noted community activist. Throughout her career, she has been an advocate for people in need and a tireless defender of the Louisville region's neighborhoods and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Carol Jordan has worked for 30 years to advocate for public policies, legislative action, and research on behalf of intimate partner violence, rape, and stalking. She served as the first director of a statewide sexual and domestic violence program in the Department for Mental Health and was founding executive director for the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy "Dot" Ridings is past president of the Council on Foundations, a Washington-based membership association for foundations and corporate-giving programs. She has worked as a newspaper reporter and editor and served four years as president of the League of Women Voters of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Tayse Haynes is the secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for

Health and Family Services. She has overseen the transition from a fee-for-service delivery model to managed care for the majority of Kentucky's Medicaid population, and the Cabinet has helped Kentucky receive recognition for its implementation of the Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body honors these five women of distinction, acknowledges the tireless dedication of the Center for Women and Families, and thanks all those at the Center who work on behalf of the greater good;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors five women of distinction, Pat Byron, Dawne Gee, Carol Jordan, Dorothy "Dot" Ridings, and Audrey Tayse Haynes, and acknowledges the work and advocacy that the Center for Women and Families does on a daily basis on behalf of partner abuse and sexual and domestic violence.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of these five women of distinction.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Denise Harper Angel for delivery.