

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 140

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A RESOLUTION to honor Bev Johnson for thirty years of dedicated service at 1070 WDIA-AM.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause in their deliberations to recognize a person who utilizes the powerful medium of radio broadcast to provide both entertainment and information to the citizens of Memphis and our State; and

WHEREAS, Bev Johnson is one such person, a woman who has achieved great personal success and who has also devoted herself to the betterment of her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson is celebrating her thirtieth year as host of the highly rated talk show "The Bev Johnson Show," heard on 1070 WDIA-AM in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Bev Johnson has served in many capacities during her thirty-year career in broadcasting, including exemplary tenures as public service director, news/community affairs director, and programming assistant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson exemplifies the spirit and dedication that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Bev Johnson graduated from Rust College in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, and she earned a Master of Science in Educational/Media Technology from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson has always placed high value on community service, and she has volunteered countless hours in support of the YWCA's Women's Abuse Shelter and the United Negro College Fund; and

WHEREAS, perhaps her greatest accomplishments have come as a member of the Board of Directors for the Memphis Chapter of Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, the National Coalition of Black Programmers, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, she has also assumed various professional leadership roles in educational training in the Memphis area; she teaches radio at Rust College and public speaking at Southwest Community College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson is a devout Christian and evinces her strong belief in the Lord through her membership at Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her thirty years of superlative programming, it is certainly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor Bev Johnson, host and producer of "The Bev Johnson Show," and celebrate this significant milestone in her career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Bev Johnson for her thirty years of dedicated service at 1070 WDIA-AM and extend to her 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.