

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 491

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kesha Whitaker upon being named a Woman of Excellence by the *New Tri-State Defender*.

WHEREAS, throughout the years, women in Memphis, Tennessee have been leaders in the areas of civic responsibility, business endeavors, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, for the past five years the *New Tri-State Defender*, a Memphis-based newspaper, has honored over two-hundred and fifty outstanding African-American women as part of its "Women of Excellence" annual presentation; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 selection of honorees includes fifty such women, who have achieved success as executives, business owners, community leaders, ministers, non-profit executives, media personalities, physicians, educators, and role models in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, these honorees were chosen from among 100 nominations, based upon proven success within their profession or industry, and upon their efforts to encourage others while remaining highly active in community service and organizational involvement; and

WHEREAS, one such honoree is Kesha Whitaker, who is a strategic communicator with more than 10 years of experience in media and public relations spanning several industries including government, education, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, the Sixth Annual *New Tri-State Defender* Women of Excellence awards will be celebrated on April 27, 2013, at the Memphis Botanic Gardens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Sixth Annual *New Tri-State Defender* Women of Excellence

celebration be recognized for its efforts to shed light on the contributions of Memphis area women whose lives and careers have had a positive impact on others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that along with all the fifty phenomenal women who were chosen as this year's honorees, Kesha Whitaker receives the accolades and appreciation deserving of those who have shown commitment and dedication to the highest principles of service and leadership, and that their contributions are recognized by all in attendance.

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