

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 503

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis.

WHEREAS, there remains a need for organizations to remain committed to the prosperity and well being of women and families in their communities; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis has been one such organization, and has had as its mission "to encourage philanthropy and foster leadership among women and support programs that enable women and children to reach their full potential"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and Trustees of the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis is comprised of philanthropic women leaders from diverse areas of business, volunteerism, and philanthropy who are highly engaged through their time, influence, and financial support; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to generate additional funds for its many programs and grant-making initiatives, the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis has held a number of events each spring highlighting the accomplishments of outstanding Memphis women whose contributions have touched the lives of countless area citizens; and

WHEREAS, for its 2013 celebration, the Foundation held a Legends Award Reception, a Power of the Purse Auction, a Youth Leadership Forum, and a Tribute Luncheon and Symposium where six women were honored as *Legends* for their extraordinary contributions to the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, those six women, Dr. Rosie Phillips Bingham, Kathy Buckman Gibson, Carolyn Chism Hardy, Hazel G. Moore, Dr. Barbara U. Prescott, and Rachel Shankman embody

the mission, principles, and vision of the Foundation and serve as positive models for others looking to use their talents and abilities in business, philanthropy, and service; and

WHEREAS, the celebration is being held on the 26th of April, 2013, in Memphis, Tennessee; 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 Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis 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 we hereby join with the good people of Tennessee as they celebrate Friday, April 26, 2013, as "Women's Foundation Day."

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