

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 571

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend former Congresswoman Diane Edith Watson of California, the first president of N.O.B.E.L. Women.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in specially recognizing and welcoming to Tennessee those estimable persons who are state and national leaders; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is former Congresswoman Diane Edith Watson of California, who served as the first president of the National Organization of Black Elected Legislative (N.O.B.E.L) Women, which is holding its 2017 annual conference in Nashville from June 28th through July 2nd; and

WHEREAS, established in 1985, N.O.B.E.L. Women is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization primarily composed of current and former black women legislators and appointed officials that works to increase and promote the presence of black women in government and serves as a global voice to address issues affecting the lives of all women; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watson served as a member of the California State Senate from 1978 to 1998, was the United States Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia from 1999 to 2000, and served in the United States Congress from June 5, 2001, to January 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we recognize this esteemed leader and welcome her to the great State of Tennessee on this special occasion; 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 and commend former Congresswoman Diane Edith Watson of California for her service as the first president of the National Organization of Black

Elected Legislative (N.O.B.E.L.) Women 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.