

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 864

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to commend Tierra Lyree Thaxton for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as County Commissioner of District 6 of Chester County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tierra Lyree Thaxton is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as County Commissioner for District 6 in Chester County, Tierra Thaxton has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, the first female African-American County Commissioner for District 6, Tierra Thaxton serves as the West Tennessee Regional Vice President for the Tennessee County Commissioners Association; she also serves on several boards, including the Jackson-Madison County Regional Salvation Army Advisory Board as Chairwoman, the United Way Emergency Food and Shelter Program in Chester County, and the Jackson Area Council on Alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thaxton's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Tierra Thaxton is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, a 2012 Leadership Chester County graduate, Tierra Thaxton holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Lane College, where she studied sociology; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thaxton has been an involved member of the Apostolic faith for over twenty-two years and is a faithful member of Straight-Way Apostolic Church; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Tierra Thaxton is fortunate to share both love and companionship with Gregory Thaxton and their two children, Treasure Lyree and Gregory Lee II; and

WHEREAS, family is a great source of inspiration for Mrs. Thaxton, particularly her parents, Willie and Whirlie Byrd; her mother-in-law, Lillian Thaxton, and her father-in-law, the late Harvey Lee Thaxton, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Tierra Lyree Thaxton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; 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 we hereby commend Tierra Lyree Thaxton for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as County Commissioner for District 6 in Chester County and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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