

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1188

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dee Nollner for her distinguished service as a member of the Shelby County Election Commission.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dee Nollner, who served four consecutive terms as a member of the Shelby County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Ms. Nollner has long had a keen interest in the election process, attending every election commission meeting for eight years and reporting the minutes of each meeting to the public via email; for her efforts, she earned the Yellow Rose award for outstanding voter service in her district from a national organization; and

WHEREAS, Dee Nollner's original two-year appointment to the Shelby County Election Commission was initiated by State Senator Mark Norris, and she was reappointed three times, serving a total of eight years on the commission; and

WHEREAS, as a commissioner, Ms. Nollner wrote an easy-to-read flyer that included basic voter information and could be distributed widely; the flyer was well-received by election workers and members of the public, who referred to it on more than one occasion at the polls; and

WHEREAS, one of her major accomplishments during her time on the Shelby County Election Commission was removing workers from civil service and transferring them to an appointment status. The commission was also successful in increasing poll worker salary, thus

recruiting more qualified individuals to serve voters at the polls, and reducing the number of precincts from 297 in 2003 to 166 today, which operate more efficiently and serve a balanced number of registered voters; and

WHEREAS, Dee Nollner epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Nollner for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dee Nollner for her distinguished service as a member of the Shelby County Election Commission and extend our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.