

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1262

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Kontji Anthony of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should salute those young professionals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Kontji Anthony, an enterprising community builder, communications expert, social media maven, and news anchor whose devotion to her work has enriched and edified the lives of so many; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, Ms. Anthony has served as the main anchor for Action News 5 (NBC) in Memphis; as such, she is the lead presenter for main newscasts and helps locate, shape, and report news on television, social media, and other digital platforms; and

WHEREAS, prior to her work at Action News 5, Kontji Anthony was the morning and noon anchor, noon producer, and hostess at WNCT-TV (CBS) in Greenville, North Carolina, from 2001 to 2005; part of her duties there included hosting the local HGTV "Do It Yourself" home improvement show and covering film press junkets in Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anthony's experience in broadcast journalism includes stints with *Good Day Sacramento*; KBAK-TV in Bakersfield, California; KTVO-TV in Ottumwa, Iowa; and WCBS-TV in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kontji Anthony holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in TV/Radio/Film/Journalism from Howard University and completed the Columbia Business School's Executive Education program; and

WHEREAS, a notable professional who is highly regarded in her field, Kontji Anthony is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of TV Arts & Sciences; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she has been recognized by the Associated Press for Best Enterprise Reporting, named Best Reporter by the California Veterans of Foreign Wars, and honored by Best of Memphis and Memphis Most for the past six years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in journalism, Ms. Anthony has served the Memphis community as a board member of the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis, a committee member of Strengthening Non-Profits, a board member of Regional One Hospital, a member of the Junior League of Memphis Community Advisory Board, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anthony epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she should be specially recognized for her many accomplishments and devoted work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Kontji Anthony for excellence in journalism and devoted service to her fellow citizens and extend to her our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

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.