

HOUSE RESOLUTION 10

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Henri Brooks on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*.

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, on December 28, 2012, Henri Brooks was recognized as one of *The Commercial Appeal's* "12 Who Made a Difference" for her tireless commitment to improving lives in the Greater Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County commissioner, former Tennessee state representative, and former Juvenile Court probation counselor, Ms. Brooks has dedicated her life to justice and equality for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, in the face of much adversity, Henri Brooks filed a complaint with the United States Department of Justice in 2007, accusing the Shelby County Juvenile Court of discrimination, nepotism, conflict of interest, and disparate treatment of juveniles based on race; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her unwavering conviction, the U.S. Department of Justice discovered incontrovertible evidence of discrimination and developed an agreement with Shelby County government and Juvenile Court officials to address and rectify these issues; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Henri Brooks takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Henri Brooks, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Henri Brooks on being named a 2012 “12 Who Made a Difference” by *The Commercial Appeal*, thank her for all she has done to make Memphis and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

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