

HOUSE RESOLUTION 204

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Pamela Marshall for her service to the community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Marshall, Executive Director of the Memphis Area Association of Governments (MAAG), is one such estimable person who has garnered the respect and appreciation of all who know her for the depth of her commitment and quality of her service, both professionally and in her community; and

WHEREAS, she is a graduate of Columbia College in Chicago, Illinois, from which she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Broadcast Journalism; and

WHEREAS, as the executive director of MAAG, Ms. Marshall's responsibilities include managing a policy board of local elected officials open to six counties: Shelby, Fayette, Tipton, and Lauderdale in Tennessee, Crittenden in Arkansas, and DeSoto in Mississippi. She works with state and federal officials on programs and operations funding while influencing positive change for the organization's service communities; and

WHEREAS, before coming to MAAG, Pamela Marshall served for twelve years in public policy as the chief of staff for the Shelby County Mayor, in which position she built solid professional relationships with key elected officials and their staffs at the federal, state, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service in the mayor's office, Ms. Marshall was the vice president of Public Policy and Affairs at the Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce, where

she chaired the Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee and was instrumental in saving Valero Refinery, Tennessee's only oil refinery; and

WHEREAS, her broadcast and journalism training was extremely valuable when Pamela Marshall served as the Community Relations Officer for the Tennessee Department of Transportation, where she developed solid working relationships with the media, community groups, and officials at all levels of government for the twenty-one counties of West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Marshall also served as an anchor for WBBJ, the American Broadcasting Company's affiliate station in Jackson; 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 Pamela Marshall, who use their considerable talents, time, and resources to serve others and support the well-being of their communities; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to recognize and commend Pamela Marshall for her many contributions to the good people of Memphis and West Tennessee and the astute leadership she has given to the citizens therein; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize Pamela Marshall, commend and thank her for her outstanding service to her community, and extend to her our best wishes for success 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.