

HOUSE RESOLUTION 339

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Emily Yellin for outstanding community leadership.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Emily Yellin, who should be honored for her service in the enhancement, growth, and development of the 86th House District in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a reporter, author, and producer, Ms. Yellin is currently leading a multimedia journalism project called Striking Voices, which is centered around in-depth video interviews with some of the Memphis sanitation workers who went on strike in 1968 and their wives, sons, and daughters; and

WHEREAS, she and the Striking Voices team have produced a series of video stories based on those interviews, which were released during the first four months of 2018, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Memphis sanitation strike; and

WHEREAS, a native of White Plains, New York, Emily Yellin is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Northwestern University. She is the author of two books, *Your Call Is (Not That) Important to Us* and *Our Mothers' War*, and a longtime contributor to *The New York Times*; she has also written for *Time*, *The Washington Post*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *Newsweek*, *Smithsonian*, and a number of other publications; and

WHEREAS, Emily Yellin's commitment to excellence and community service are representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and

commend Emily Yellin for her outstanding community leadership, applaud her efforts in the enhancement, growth, and development of the 86th House District, and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in 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.