

HOUSE RESOLUTION 348

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of DeEbony Groves of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the tragic, untimely passing of DeEbony Groves; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Groves was a brilliant, hard-working young woman with unlimited potential, a devoted student and athlete who was on the path toward a career in social work and a life of service to others; and

WHEREAS, at only twenty-one years of age, DeEbony Groves was fatally wounded by a gunman at the Waffle House in the Antioch neighborhood of Metropolitan Nashville on April 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Groves was a senior at Belmont University, where she was majoring in social work, was featured on the dean's list, and was a member of the Tau Nu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority; and

WHEREAS, prior to Belmont University, DeEbony Groves was an exceptional athlete and star student at Gallatin High School, where she played basketball; she was named her team's most valuable defender and served as a role model for her teammates; and

WHEREAS, all who were fortunate to know her have extolled Ms. Groves' many virtues; she was known as an intelligent, devoted, hard-working young lady, a bright light that was extinguished much too soon; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the all-too-brief life of this exceptional young woman; 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 the memory

of DeEbony Groves, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Groves.

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