

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 358

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Katrina Thompson, one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

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, one such noteworthy individual is Katrina Thompson, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of LeMoyne-Owen College, Katrina Thompson continues to serve her alma mater as president of the Memphis chapter of the alumni association; she is also actively involved with her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, working on local and global initiatives, such as clothing and backpack drives to benefit local schools and children in Africa, and serving on international committees at the national level; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson is a community leader and organizer of the highest caliber; she is the president of 100 Black Women, Inc., and serves with the Democratic Women of Shelby County as a member of its Alzheimer's Board and Dementia Services Center; she has

also provided leadership to the Memphis Silver Star News Community Support Organization Board of Directors, National Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, and Florida Teaching Profession-NEA and has served as associate executive director of the West Palm Beach Classroom Teachers' Association and as a teacher with Memphis City Schools; and

WHEREAS, she has devoted her time and talents to the Memphis and Shelby County Family Safety Center for Victims of Domestic Violence Board of Directors, Support Solutions Advisory Board for Supported Persons with Intellectual and Development Disabilities, Memphis Branch of the NAACP, and Freedom Fund Gala as division chairperson; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Katrina Thompson be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Katrina Thompson on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

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