

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 364

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Denise Mustiful-Martin, 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 Dr. Denise Mustiful-Martin, 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 native of Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Denise Mustiful-Martin obtained her bachelor's degree in biology from Fisk University and her master's degree from Tennessee State University (TSU); after graduating from Meharry Medical School, College of Dentistry, she practiced general dentistry in Nashville and taught biology and microbiology at TSU before entering a residency program at the University of Tennessee's Department of Periodontology in 1989, completing her surgical training in periodontics in June 1991; and

WHEREAS, wholly devoted to serving her community, Dr. Mustiful-Martin has secured grant funding for community initiatives from FedEx and The Links Foundation and has been

recognized by Meharry Medical College as the alumna making the greatest impact in recruitment and retention of medical and dental students; she has served as president of her state dental society and remains the first African-American periodontist in Memphis, Mississippi, and Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Denise Mustiful-Martin is an active member of World Overcomers Outreach Ministries Church, participating in Spiritual Parenting Ministry, Spiritual Mentor Ministry, Welcome and Front Desk ministries, and church-wide special events as health staff; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Dr. Mustiful-Martin 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 Dr. Denise Mustiful-Martin 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.