

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1366

By Lamar

A RESOLUTION to honor and celebrate Women's History Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of March was officially designated as Women's History Month in 1987, with President Ronald Reagan issuing the first presidential proclamation to commemorate the celebration; and

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements of those women across the centuries who paved the way and helped realize the deeply American vision of a more equal society wherein every person has an opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to have been the thirty-sixth state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment, wherein women won the franchise, fulfilling the dream of those noble individuals who comprised the Women's Suffrage Movement in Tennessee, including Ida B. Wells, a leader in women's suffrage and the early Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, in the General Assembly, we have been graced by such pioneering women as Beth Harwell, the first female Speaker of the House; Lois DeBerry, the first female Speaker Pro Tempore of the House; and our esteemed colleagues Leader Karen Camper, who is the first female and African-American minority leader, and Senator London Lamar, who is the youngest female and youngest African-American State Senator in State history; and

WHEREAS, in the judicial branch, the Honorable Janice M. Holder was the first woman to serve as Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, at the federal level, Senator Marsha Blackburn has blazed a trail as the first woman to represent the State of Tennessee in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, let us remember in the midst of celebrating women and their historical impact on our society, that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commemorate March 2022 as Women's History Month in Tennessee, celebrating the generations of trailblazing women who have built our State and their vital contributions to our country's history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.