

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1557

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Morgan Price of Fisk University, the first HBCU athlete to win the NCAA gymnastics national championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Morgan Price of the Fisk University women's gymnastics team, who recently won the NCAA individual gymnastics all-around championship, becoming the first athlete from a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) to claim this national title; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Price's all-around victory was fueled by her performances in the floor exercise, uneven bars, balance beam, and vault categories; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lebanon who attended high school in Texas, Ms. Price originally committed to the University of Arkansas for collegiate gymnastics but ultimately decided to join the team at Fisk University so that she could be among the first gymnasts to compete for an HBCU, as Fisk was the first HBCU to launch an NCAA gymnastics team; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Price embodies the values of Fisk University: determination, excellence, and a commitment to a more just and equitable future; these values have consistently been at the forefront of women's gymnastics, and Fisk is proud to congratulate her on her tremendous success this season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this young woman have not only made possible a history-making NCAA championship but also surely bode well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Morgan Price of the Fisk University women's gymnastics team for her outstanding performance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Morgan Price of Fisk University upon becoming the first HBCU gymnast to win the NCAA individual all-around gymnastics national championship, extending to her our best wishes for every continued success in all 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.