## **SENATE RESOLUTION 36**

## By Massey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Phyllis Qualls-Brooks upon being honored at the Women of Legend and Merit Awards.

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, Phyllis Qualls-Brooks is one such individual, who was honored as a woman leader at the Women of Legend and Merit Awards held at Tennessee State University (TSU); and

WHEREAS, the Women of Legend and Merit Awards is an annual celebration saluting dynamic women who are leaders in business and the community and serve as role models in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mississippi, Phyllis Qualls-Brooks earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Southern Mississippi, her master's degree at TSU, and her doctorate at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Qualls-Brooks currently serves as the executive director of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women, and has served as a Congressional Affairs specialist with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and as the special projects coordinator with the Office of the Treasurer of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She was also the assistant commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and the director of public relations at TSU; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like

Phyllis Qualls-Brooks, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Phyllis Qualls-Brooks on being recognized as a woman leader at the Women of Legend and Merit Awards, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

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