

SENATE RESOLUTION 86

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A RESOLUTION to honor Stephanie Love in celebration of Women's History Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the month of March was officially designated as Women's History Month in 1987; and

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the achievements of those women who have paved the way wherein every person has an opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of a number of historic, pioneering women, including Stephanie Love, an esteemed community advocate and lifelong resident of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Millington Central High School, Ms. Love studied psychology at the University of Memphis and later became a licensed cosmetologist; she is also a 2019 graduate of the national Family Engagement Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Love's advocacy began as a parent volunteer in August 2011 at Delano Head Start, where, after noticing the unacceptable parking accommodations, she began directing traffic to ensure the safety of children and parents; and

WHEREAS, she advocated effectively for an improved parking lot and, because of her passion and willingness to help, was elected to serve on the Shelby County Head Start Policy Council, of which she later became vice chair; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Love also served as vice president of the Frayser Neighborhood Council, a community group born out of President Obama's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Frayser Neighborhood Council has had success in helping to improve the quality of life in Frayser; some of those successes include effectively advocating to Memphis City Council for improvements to Denver Park, a once gang-ridden park taken back by neighbors; getting approval from Memphis City Council for new sidewalks in front of Corning Elementary School; stopping a new trailer park development; developing Frayser 2020, a plan to improve quality of life in Frayser and develop the Frayser Town Center; and, most recently, advocating with fellow Memphians to prevent a landfill from expanding next to an elementary school and other urban neighborhoods in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Love was elected to the Shelby County Board of Education to serve District 3 in 2014 and was reelected in August 2016; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Shelby County Board of Education and parent of school-aged children, she understands the challenges parents and children face regarding the constant changes in education; Stephanie Love believes that more can be accomplished when parents, school employees, district officials, and all elected governing bodies work together; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Ms. Love during Women's History Month, let us remember that when women succeed, America succeeds, as does Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor Stephanie Love on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's History Month and 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.