

SENATE RESOLUTION 96

By Lamar

A RESOLUTION to honor Ashley B. Coffield 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 the awe-inspiring Ashley Coffield, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, a master of public administration, Ms. Coffield is an ardent professional of the highest degree, and she has served at the helm of Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi for ten devoted years; and

WHEREAS, prior to her current appointment, Ashley Coffield worked for Partnership for Prevention, a nonprofit health policy research organization in Washington, D.C., where she served as president from 1998 to 2001 and as a senior fellow from 2002 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at Partnership for Prevention, Ms. Coffield developed and applied evidence-based methods for comparing the health benefits and cost-effectiveness of preventive services; co-authored peer-reviewed research articles and reports; and staffed the National Commission on Prevention Priorities, a twenty-member advisory committee of healthcare leaders chaired by former United States Surgeon General David Satcher; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, she previously served as director of the Washington, D.C., office of the New York-based Center for Children's Health and the

Environment and as a policy analyst for the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Ms. Coffield 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 Ashley B. Coffield 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.