

SENATE RESOLUTION 102

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A RESOLUTION to honor Linda Harper 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 Linda Harper, chair and co-founder of the Senator Thelma Harper Transformative Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Senator Thelma Harper Transformative Foundation was envisioned by Ms. Harper and her mother, the late Senator Thelma Harper, in 2019 after Senator Harper's retirement; and

WHEREAS, Linda Harper launched the foundation in 2021 to serve as a living legacy of her mother's forty years of community and public service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harper continued the tradition of her mother's annual Kids Are Special Too Easter Egg Hunt, which is celebrating its thirty-eighth anniversary in April 2023; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her foundation work, Linda Harper is the Strategic Community Engagement Liaison in the Nashville mayor's office and a business consultant; and

WHEREAS, prior to her current roles, Ms. Harper managed end-to-end business improvement programs for over twenty years, holding such positions as vice president of government services, director of minority outreach, project manager, senior consultant, and industrial engineer within the public, private, and nonprofit sectors; and

WHEREAS, Linda Harper began her career as an industrial engineer with UPS in Atlanta, Georgia, after graduating from Georgia Tech and Spelman College; her success in managing large-scale programs, both within North America and internationally, propelled her to become a sought-out subject matter expert; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harper lives by the Harper family mantra, "It Takes A Community," and today, her main objective is to use her professional expertise to drive social good; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Linda Harper 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 Linda Harper 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.