

SENATE RESOLUTION 200

By Lamar

A RESOLUTION to honor Tutonial "Toni" Williams in celebration of Women's Day on the Hill.

WHEREAS, Women's Day on the Hill is a time to honor the achievements of those Tennessee women who have paved the way for every person to have the opportunity to pursue the American dream; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of the awe-inspiring Tutonial "Toni" Williams, who serves Memphis-Shelby County Schools as the Interim Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, leading and managing fiscal operations and balancing the District's largest budget, including COVID-19 funds; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Whitehaven High School, Ms. Williams holds bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Clark Atlanta University; in 2014, she began her career in school leadership, working through the first audits of the merger of Shelby County and Memphis City Schools; she has additionally worked with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Millington Municipal Schools; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Williams's leadership, the District has received recognition for having clean external audits since 2019, as well as being named a Tennessee Department of Education "Best for All District," an "ARP Star" from the United States Department of Education for stewarding the funds from the American Rescue Plan, and a Council of the Great City Schools model in its Urban Educator Newsletter for the District's strategic ESSER investments; and

WHEREAS, her strong belief in the power of volunteering for one's community has led to her participating in and being a member of several different associations; she is a New Memphis fellow, a Leadership Memphis graduate, and a Youth Villages mentor; and

WHEREAS, in saluting Ms. Williams on this special occasion, 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 and commend Tutonial "Toni" Williams on her many contributions to the State of Tennessee as we celebrate Women's Day on the Hill.

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