

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 358
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A RESOLUTION To recognize Susie M. Davis-Jefferson on the
occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Susie M. Davis-Jefferson is one such estimable citizen who has served with probity for twenty-six years as an employee of the State of Tennessee; she has earned the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers and superiors alike for the unsurpassed quality of her work and her unremitting dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Mrs. Davis-Jefferson continued her education in the Early Childhood Education Program at Memphis State University; she has furthered her professional development by taking computer classes at Shelby State Community College; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding Tennessean is an active and important part of her community and her profession, lending her support to, and participating in, numerous community and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, she is an active member of the historic First Baptist Beale, where she is one of the congregation's most committed servants to the Lord; she has served with distinction as a member of the Usher Board and Pastor's Aid Auxiliary and as a Sunday School Teacher, Youth Advisor, and Church Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Davis-Jefferson is highly-respected as a Christian leader and serves as an inspiration to her congregation and her community; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to maintaining family values of the highest order, she is most thankful for the great love and companionship that she shares with her husband, James Jefferson; she is the proud mother of five children, grandmother of eleven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Susie M. Davis-Jefferson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her laudable career, Mrs. Davis-Jefferson has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, and her departure from state government leaves a void that will not be easily filled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Susie M. Davis-Jefferson our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from her exemplary career with the State of Tennessee and for every continued success in her future endeavors.

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