

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 447
By Chumney

A RESOLUTION To commend Desinda April Whitehead for
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, Each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Desinda April Whitehead is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representatives Carol Chumney, Mark Maddox and John DeBerry, officers of the Children and Family Affairs Committee; Desinda's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Desinda was born November 19, 1978 in Portland to Robert and Sandra Whitehead, where she and sisters Reshanda, Cathina and Allamanda, and brother, Matthew, were raised and attended Antioch Baptist Church; she is the loving grandchild of Carl and Carolyn Cole; and

WHEREAS, A student at Cumberland University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Whitehead has achieved academic success while majoring in Business

Administration, minoring in Marketing, Management and Computer Science, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Desinda plays the trumpet in Cumberland's marching and concert bands; she is an accomplished pianist and has played with the First Baptist Church in Martin, Tennessee, Servant Singers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead has made the Dean's list each semester while at Cumberland, and maintains a 3.5 grade point average; she is a member of Delta Mu Delta honor society, the Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity, has been selected as an All-American Scholar and is listed in *Who's Who Among American College Students*; and

WHEREAS, Desinda has worked for the Business Resource Center at the Chamber of Commerce in Lebanon and has volunteered her time with the library in Portland, the Sumner County Craft Fair and to children in Portland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead's wide recreational interests include jogging, horseback riding, playing piano, reading, softball, basketball, volleyball, ice skating and bowling; and

WHEREAS, Eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Desinda brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2001 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 2001 legislative session, Ms. Whitehead has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Desinda has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; 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 hereby commend Desinda April Whitehead for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representatives Carol Chumney, Mark Maddox and John DeBerry and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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