

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 622  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd for her outstanding leadership.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to specially recognize those persons who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, she received a four-year scholarship to attend Alabama State University, where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, with a double minor in Physics and Music; and

WHEREAS, a sterling scholar, Gwendolyn Boyd was awarded a fellowship to pursue graduate work at Yale University; there, she earned a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd serves with the utmost skill and diligence as an Assistant for Development Programs at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her responsibilities as Assistant for Development Programs, Ms. Boyd also serves Johns Hopkins University as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Applied Physics Laboratory Federal Credit Union, a member of the Applied Physics Laboratory Women and Advisory Council, and a member of the Laboratory's Pension Committee, and serves by appointment from the President of the University on the Johns Hopkins University Diversity Leadership Council; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her profession, she is affiliated with the Society of Women Engineers and the Metropolitan Area Network of Minority Women in Science; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Boyd has served astutely in numerous leadership positions in her community, including serving on the Board of Directors of Leadership Washington and as a member of the Board of the Children's National Medical Center and the Children's Research Institute Board of the Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C.; she is also the founding Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Strategic Non-Profit Planning and Community Leadership; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman was recently re-elected as President of the Board of Directors of United Way of the National Capital Area; in her over eighteen years of service with the United Way, she has served in numerous leadership positions, including serving two terms as Chair of the D.C. Regional Council and as Chair for the District of Columbia United Way Campaign for three record-breaking years in succession; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd is a valuable member of The Links, Inc., the Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, Alabama State

University Alumni Association, and the Yale Alumni Association; she also serves as a mentor with the Meyerhoff Scholars Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County; and

WHEREAS, a past president and member of the Washington, D.C. Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Ms. Boyd currently serves with distinction as the National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding speaker, she addresses audience throughout the Nation as a keynote speaker and seminar presenter on a wide variety of topics, including messages of inspiration and discourses on engineering, science and technology, non-profit board development, leadership development, African American history, and women's history; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Boyd will address the Memphis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta on January 19, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has grown, in the last sixty-four years, from five members to over three hundred financial members; and

WHEREAS, the current members of the Memphis City Alumnae Chapter, focusing on mental health, education, scholarship, economic development, social action, and arts and letters, continue the legacy of sisterhood and scholarship established by the founding members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyd epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional and dedicated community leader; and

WHEREAS, through her service with Delta Sigma Theta and the United Way, and in her many other public service endeavors, Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd has distinguished herself as a leader of the utmost integrity, dedication, and acumen; 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 Gwendolyn E. Boyd for her extensive public service,

applaud her work with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

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