

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 135

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Tonya Hinch upon her selection as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Hinch is one such commendable individual who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, she was recently selected as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional and brilliant businesswoman, Ms. Hinch serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Don Hinch & Associates and also the founder of LifePlanning Unlimited, a coaching and seminar business dedicated to empowering individuals, especially women, through informative workshops on such interesting topics as "Raising Their Cash IQ" and "Retiring Backwards"; and

WHEREAS, before joining those estimable institutions, Tonya Hinch had already amassed an impressive resume; after graduating from the University of Tennessee, she began her illustrious career in the marketing departments of Procter and Gamble and Clairol; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hinch served with acumen and alacrity as the general manager of the hair care sector at Neutrogena, where she increased the customer base by over 45% during her tenure and earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, as Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales at Utrafem, Inc., a start-up company in the women's productive health care sector, Tonya Hinch expertly oversaw the

launch of the groundbreaking invention, "INSTEAD," which has been hailed as the most innovative product in the feminine protection category in over sixty years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hinch also rendered sterling service at Edison Schools, the largest for-profit manager of public schools in the country. During her exemplary tenure, she held such influential positions as Vice President of Start-Up Schools and Executive Vice-President of School Operations, was responsible for over \$500 million in business revenues and 7,000 employees, and propelled the company to new heights; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Hinch's remarkable success as a civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work, common sense, and uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hinch is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Tonya Hinch upon her recent selection as the Fair Park Senior Center Women's History Month honoree, salute her outstanding contributions to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, and wish her much happiness in all 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.