

SENATE RESOLUTION 35

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Molly McCarley upon receiving a 2011 Sterling Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Molly McCarley, who recently received a 2011 Sterling Award; and

WHEREAS, the awards were created by the Jackson Business and Professional Women and *The Jackson Sun* to honor those women in West Tennessee who have achieved a significant level of success; and

WHEREAS, nominees must meet several requirements: they must live or work in West Tennessee, outside of Shelby County; they must be leaders in business or their professions; they must display creativity and innovation and contribute these talents to the growth of their professions; and they must contribute time and energy to community improvement; and

WHEREAS, more than seventy nominations were received and, of those, twenty were chosen as the 20 Most Influential Women of West Tennessee, each of whom received a Sterling Award; and

WHEREAS, Molly McCarley graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Memphis in 1981 and earned her master's degree in education with a concentration in administration and supervision from the University of Memphis in 1986; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Somerville community, Ms. McCarley serves with acumen and alacrity as the program director for Fayette County Career Center,

empowering individuals to achieve their career goals and objectives while cultivating a better life for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Molly McCarley adeptly organizes partnerships between Southwest Tennessee Community College, Tennessee Technology Center at Whiteville, Department of Human Services, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Senior Services, and the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce in order to provide job seekers with employment and training related services; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated civic leader, Ms. McCarley has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through her work with numerous organizations, including serving as the executive director of Leadership Fayette, president of the Alpha Delta Kappa Teacher Sorority, former president and member of the Fayette County Business and Professional Women's Club, and member of the Bird Dog Foundation, TAACE Adult Education Organization, and Fayette County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Molly McCarley completed the WestStar Graduate Leadership Program and is a WestStar Alumni. She also received the Jimmy Daniel Make-a-Difference WestStar Alumni Award and BPW Woman of the Year Award and was named Fayette County Citizen of the Year, Fayette County Woman of the Year, and Fayette County Educator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Molly McCarley takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Ms. McCarley, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Molly McCarley upon receiving a 2011 Sterling Award, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success 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.