

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1060

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Tonya Victoria Jones for her exceptional military and public service.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Tonya Victoria Jones, who works assiduously to improve the lives of her fellow citizens as a case manager for the Department of Children Services; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Jones began her meritorious twenty-three year career in the United States Navy in 1989, serving on the USS San Antonio and the USNS Comfort as a surgical technologist in support of Operation Baltic Challenge; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Jones served as a General Duty Corpsman from 1989 to 1991, a Surgical Technologist from 1991 to 1999, and was the first female and African American to serve as an Independent Duty Corpsman from 2000 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, as Senior Medical Department Representative, Tonya Jones was named Sailor of the Year in 2005 and 2006 aboard the USS San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2010, Tonya Jones served as a Drug Education for Youth counselor, and from 2011 to 2012, she served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Jones was also a Special Olympics Liaison and served as Administrator for Historical First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Tonya Jones is the proud mother of Dorian Dionne Jones, Calvin Dexter Jones II, and Xavier Raashaun Jones; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Tonya Jones for her service to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Tonya Victoria Jones for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and this Nation 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.