

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Baeteena Black.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those professionals who, throughout their years of industry, have performed their duties with honor, ability, and distinction, earning the respect and admiration of their peers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baeteena Black, Executive Director of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, is one such sterling individual; and

WHEREAS, since becoming the association's executive director in 1994, Dr. Black has led the organization with fortitude and foresight, and she has provided guidance and leadership to the association and its members for two decades; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Franklin and a second-generation pharmacist, Dr. Black completed pre-pharmacy studies at the University of Tennessee at Martin before earning a Bachelor of Science in pharmacy from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy; and

WHEREAS, from 1971 until 1975, Dr. Black was a full-time pharmacist at the Bartlett Prescription Shop, serving her patients as a nursing home consultant and managing all third-party pharmacy claims for the Prescription Shop; and

WHEREAS, she then served as the Director of Pharmacy for the Shelby County Health Care Center for twelve years. In this role, Dr. Black organized and implemented several innovative patient care programs; and

WHEREAS, as a pharmacist, Dr. Black practiced in long-term care and community pharmacy settings and was committed to transforming patient care while also acting as an advocate for the highest quality of care for her patients; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Baeteena Black accepted the position of Director of Pharmacy Affairs and State Health Services for G.D. Searle in Chicago, and she returned to Tennessee in 1994 to serve as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association (TPA); and

WHEREAS, she has served as a member in good standing of the TPA since 1971 and, since becoming the executive director, has become widely regarded as one of the most influential pharmacy association executives in the country; and

WHEREAS, while at the TPA helm, Dr. Baeteena Black has ushered in a number of notable and innovative changes within the organization, including the design and implementation of its first electronic member database, the creation of the TPA's first web site, and the cultivation of a sound fiscal profile within the association; and

WHEREAS, she has worked with TPA leadership and members to introduce several important pieces of pharmacy legislation during her tenure as executive director, including the Tennessee Pharmacy Practice Act of 1996, the Controlled Substance Monitoring Act of 2002, the Tennessee Affordable Drug Act of 2005, and the Collaborative Pharmacy Practice Act of 2014, legislation concerning compounding pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, as the TPA's executive director, Dr. Black is responsible for the management of the Tennessee Pharmacists Research and Education Foundation, the Tennessee Pharmaceutical PAC, and the Tennessee Society of Health-System Pharmacists, subsidiary organizations maintained by the TPA; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the TPA, Dr. Black also stands as the director of the Tennessee Pharmacists Recovery Network, which manages pharmacy professionals in recovery for addiction; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a valued member of educational and professional boards and committees throughout her career, acting as a member of the Curriculum Revision Task Force and the Dean's Advisory Council for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy, the secretary and president of the Memphis and Shelby County Pharmaceutical Society, the president of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, the president

of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy Alumni Association, a member and president of the Pharmacy Marketing Group Inc. Board of Directors, an executive committee member of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, and the president of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations, as well as participating in many other boards and associations; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Baeteena Black received the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy's Preceptor of the Year Award in 1976 and Distinguished Service to Pharmacy Award in 2007, the Tennessee Society of Hospital Pharmacists Distinguished Service Award in 1987, the Kenneth E. Hanson Special Recognition Award in 1994, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association's Tom C. Sharp Pharmacist of the Year Award in 2009, and the Tennessee Society of Association Executives Association Executive of the Year Award in 2013, among many other notable awards and recognitions; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps proudest of the love and support she shares with her husband of more than forty years, Robert "Bob" Black, and their daughter, Stacey; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service as a pharmacist and executive, Dr. Black has stood as a leader in her field and an inspiration to her peers, and her commitment to meeting the needs of her patients and her fellow pharmacists is a reflection of her personal and professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body recognizes Dr. Black for her many contributions to her field, her profession, her fellow pharmacists, and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Dr. Baeteena Black, applaud her professional dedication and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for her continued success and happiness in all 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.