

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 359

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Andrea Lewis Miller, one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

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 noteworthy individual is Dr. Andrea Lewis Miller, who has been named one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women by the Memphis Inter-Denominational (MID) Fellowship, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the MID Fellowship recognizes the importance of honoring those women who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields; the women recognized are judged on the basis of being a Woman of Faith, a Woman of Prayer, a Woman of Good Works, a Woman of Dedication, and a Woman of Leadership with the Courage of Esther; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the MID Fellowship requested nominations of Memphis and Shelby County women who are graduates of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and, subsequently, selected twelve outstanding women; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of LeMoyne-Owen College, Dr. Andrea Miller holds a master's degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in cell and developmental biology from Atlanta University; she completed postdoctoral research in the Department of Anatomy at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Miller has served as LeMoyne-Owen College's twelfth president since September 1, 2015, only the second alumni of the college to do so; she has more than twenty years of experience in higher education, having served as Chancellor of Baton Rouge Community College, Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College, Provost/Executive

Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Southwest Tennessee Community College, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty at LeMoyne-Owen College, and Assistant Dean in the College of Human and Community Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, at every institution she has served, Dr. Miller has done immeasurable good and made great strides toward expansion and advancement, including acquiring more than \$12 million in grant funding and contracts to support research, curriculum development, and professional development activities in STEM disciplines; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Dr. Andrea Miller be recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Dr. Andrea Lewis Miller on being honored by the Memphis Inter-Denominational Fellowship, Inc., as one of the 12 Most Outstanding Women of 2019.

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