

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 362

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Tish Towns, 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 Tish Towns, 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 native of Memphis, Tish Towns earned her bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University and her master's degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; after gaining twenty years of experience in the healthcare field, she returned to Memphis, where she is a leader in healthcare administration and outreach; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Towns currently serves as senior vice president and chief administrative officer at Regional One Health; under her direction, the hospital is focused on community engagement, cultural competency, and leadership, as well as identifying and developing strategies to increase awareness about diversity and health disparities; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving her community, Tish Towns is a member of the Tennessee Hospital Association's Council on Inclusion and Health Equity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Memphis Chapter of LINKS, Inc.; she is a trusted mentor to health leaders, through the National Association of Health Services Executives, as well as students, through a program with the Tennessee Hospital Association that provides student internship opportunities for minorities; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Tish Towns 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 Tish Towns 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.