

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 365

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Judge Teresa D. Jones, 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 Judge Teresa D. Jones, 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, Judge Teresa Jones earned her bachelor's degree from Lane College and her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Memphis State University Law School; she is a member of the Memphis Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Ben F. Jones Chapter National Bar Association, and National Bar Association, for which she coordinates the Continuing Legal Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Judge Jones was recently appointed to serve as Judge of City Court Division One, in which position she will continue to serve the people of Memphis and Shelby County; previously, she served with the Public Defender's Office, as a board member of the

Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program, as a member of the Shelby County School Board, and as chief city prosecutor for Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Judge Teresa Jones is a member of Midtown Church of Christ, where she has hosted a free legal clinic for church members for numerous years; she has also served the community at large with legal clinics and by supporting the Tennis & Tutoring program at Bellevue Tennis Center as a mentor for youth participants; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Judge Jones 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 Judge Teresa D. Jones 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.