

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 366

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to recognize Deidre Dionne Carter Malone, 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 Deidre Dionne Carter Malone, 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, Deidre Malone graduated from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, and attended graduate school at Christian Brothers University in Memphis; she began her career as a news reporter and anchor, going on to work as a news producer for WMC-TV Channel 5; she subsequently served as Director of Public Relations and then Vice President of Marketing Services for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the third-largest healthcare charity in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in May 2003, Ms. Malone opened The Carter Malone Group LLC (CMG), a public relations, marketing, advertising, and government relations firm; in the years since, it has become one of the largest, most well-respected public relations firms in the southeastern region, winning VOX Awards from the Public Relations Society of America, a national Gabriel Award from Unda-USA, and a Telly Award for regional broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, Deidre Malone is an active member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in North Memphis, where she currently serves on the board of trustees; over the years, she has also served on the boards of the Memphis Housing Authority, Shelby County 911, Tennessee Workforce Investment, Circles of Success Charter School, LifeBlood, and Regional Medical Center. In 2006, she was elected to represent District 2 on the Shelby County Commission, subsequently becoming the first female to serve as chairman of the commission's Budget Committee and the first African-American woman to serve as commission chairman; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that Ms. Malone 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 Deidre Dionne Carter Malone 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.