



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1154

By Representatives Camper, Akbari, Coley, Cooper, John DeBerry, Hardaway, Lollar, McManus, Miller, Parkinson, Todd, Towns, Johnnie Turner, Mark White, Armstrong, Bailey, Harry Brooks, Kevin Brooks, Calfee, Dale Carr, Joe Carr, Carter, Casada, Dean, Dennis, Doss, Dunn, Durham, Eldridge, Evans, Faison, Farmer, Favors, Fitzhugh, Floyd, Forgety, Gilmore, Goins, Halford, Hall, Harrison, Hawk, Haynes, Matthew Hill, Timothy Hill, Holt, Jernigan, Curtis Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Jones, Kane, Keisling, Lamberth, Love, Lundberg, Marsh, Matheny, McCormick, McDaniel, Mitchell, Moody, Odom, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Ramsey, Rich, Roach, Rogers, Sanderson, Sargent, Sexton, Shaw, Shepard, Shipley, Sparks, Spivey, Stewart, Swann, Tidwell, Travis, Mike Turner, Van Huss, Watson, Weaver, Dawn White, Kent Williams, Ryan Williams, Windle, and Madam Speaker Harwell

and

Senator Kyle

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Velma Williams upon being named a Woman of Excellence by the *New Tri-State Defender*.

WHEREAS, throughout the years, women in Memphis, Tennessee, have been leaders in the areas of civic responsibility, business endeavors, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, for the past seven years, the *New Tri-State Defender*, a Memphis-based newspaper, has honored over three hundred outstanding African-American women as part of its "Women of Excellence" annual presentation; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 selection of honorees includes fifty such women, who have achieved success as executives, business owners, community leaders, ministers, non-profit executives, media personalities, physicians, educators, and role models in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, these honorees were chosen from among 110 nominations, based upon proven success within their profession or industry, and upon their efforts to encourage others while remaining highly active in community service and organizational involvement; and

WHEREAS, one such honoree is Velma Williams, a retired registered nurse with the Veterans Administration Medical Center; and

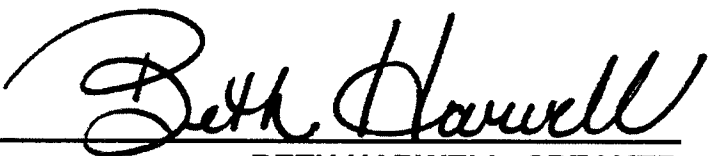
WHEREAS, the Annual *New Tri-State Defender* Women of Excellence awards will be celebrated on April 26, 2014, at the Memphis Botanic Garden; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Velma Williams upon being honored as one of the *New Tri-State Defender's* Women of Excellence for 2014 in recognition of her many contributions to her community.


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

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ADOPTED: April 16, 2014



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR