



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 594

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cassie Martin of Lawrence County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Cassie Martin; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Martin was a woman of tremendous intelligence, integrity, faith, and compassion who used her natural leadership abilities to contribute to her community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lawrence County, Cassie Martin pursued her love of learning despite physical limitations that kept her from going to school and the challenges of racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin persevered to earn a Bachelor of Arts in theology from Heritage Christian University in 1997 and a Master of Counseling degree from Southern Christian University in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Martin also earned a certificate in Rule 31 Family Mediation and completed Moral Recognition Therapy Certification and Cooperative Parenting and Divorce training before she started her own business to help families dealing with parenting, divorce, and anger related issues; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of her community, Ms. Martin helped found the Lawrence County Organization for Community Improvement, participated in planning the annual black history program, organized forums to enable dialogue between politicians and their constituents, transported the elderly on election day, and was a member of the Crawfish Valley Community Club; and

WHEREAS, a strong woman of faith, Cassie Martin attended Pulaski Street Church of Christ and shared her love of God with others on mission trips to Barbados and Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Martin was recognized for Outstanding Christian Service by Heritage Christian University and received an Organizational Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Martin was the proud mother of Robert, Alisa, and the late Michael, and she will be deeply missed by her seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, seldom do women of her stature walk among us, and it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Cassie Martin, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

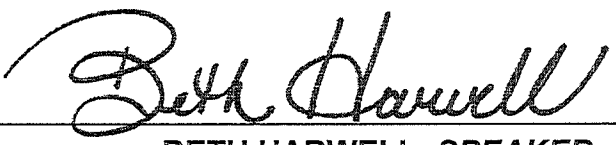
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Cassie Martin.

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: March 3, 2014

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR