

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 809

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tami Sawyer on her recognition as a 2018 Social Justice Honoree at the 110th Founders' Day Celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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 Tami Sawyer, who will be recognized as a 2018 Social Justice Honoree at the 110th Founders' Day Celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is a true exemplar of the Greek system at work in the present day yet firmly rooted in its historic mission, having grown from a single chapter established at Howard University in Washington, D.C., to an international organization with more than 250,000 members in 1,012 chapters throughout the United States and across six countries; and

WHEREAS, Tami Sawyer is the director of Diversity and Cultural Competence with Teach for America Memphis and a writer, speaker, and social justice and education advocate; she is a leader in Movement for Black Lives in Memphis and a TEDx speaker and has been featured in numerous local and national publications; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Ms. Sawyer organized #takeemdown901, the successful movement to remove Confederate statues from Memphis's public parks; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such

as Tami Sawyer who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now,
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Tami Sawyer on being recognized as a 2018
Social Justice Honoree by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, at the 110th Founders'
Day Celebration and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future
endeavor.

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