

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 831

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jamita F. Swearengen 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 Jamita E. Swearengen, 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, elected to the Memphis City Council in 2015, Jamita Swearengen is a social justice and community activist who has dedicated her life to serving her church, her community, and her city; she is the council liaison to the Memphis in May International Festival, Inc., the Riverfront Development Corporation, and the Memphis Area Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Swearengen is the chair of the Parks and Environment Committee, the vice chair of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and a member of the Memphis Light, Gas, and Water; Housing and Community Development; Economic Development; Tourism and Technology; and Public Works, Transportation, and General Services committees; 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 Jamita Swearngen 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 Jamita E. Swearngen 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.