

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 45

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Adrienne Pope-Kelly Washington.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne Pope-Kelly Washington is one such admirable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sylacauga, Alabama, Mrs. Washington was educated in the Sylacauga public school system before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a minor in economics from Alabama A&M University, from which she later earned a master's degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, she graduated from the United States Army Intern Training Center – Depot Operations (Logistics) at the Red River Army Depot and she is a 1974 graduate of the National Security Certification Program at the Industrial College of Armed Forces; she is a 1987 graduate of the Naval Post Graduate School, and from 1990 to 2007, she attended over thirty Department of Defense and Army Leadership courses; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne P-K Washington served with acumen and alacrity throughout her thirty-six year career in defense related civilian employment; she managed weapon systems (missiles systems and rotary wing aircrafts) programs for over seventy foreign nations and organizations that were valued at \$25.2 billion, and, during peak times, she supervised more than 1,000 government and contracted personnel, both within and outside of the United States; and

WHEREAS, later in her government career, Mrs. Washington became the first African-American woman promoted to the highest position obtainable at the Redstone Arsenal in

Huntsville, Alabama, when she became the director of the Security Assistance Management Directorate, United States Army Aviation and Missile Command; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary career, Mrs. Washington has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community. She currently serves as a senior international program analyst at the WYLE-CAS Company, supporting the federal government in the development and execution of programs that transfer missile systems to foreign allies; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely giving person who epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Washington graciously donates much of her free time and energies to serving as the twenty-fourth South Eastern Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., which was founded in 1908 as the first Greek-letter organization established by and for African-American women, as well as the first sorority in the nation organized by African-American women to be incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne P-K Washington is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Adrienne Pope-Kelly Washington for her laudable service as a community leader, salute her unwavering commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her future endeavors.

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