

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 862

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Orinthia T. Montague of Gallatin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Dr. Orinthia T. Montague, president of Volunteer State Community College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montague was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on January 5, 1967, in Kingston, Jamaica, Dr. Orinthia T. Montague was the youngest of six children born to Aubrey and Linda Montague; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montague received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interpersonal Communication at Truman State University, a Master of Arts degree in Counseling at Lindenwood College, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education Administration at the University of Missouri - St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, appointed as the fourth president of Volunteer State Community College on September 1, 2021, Dr. Orinthia T. Montague previously served as president of Tompkins Cortland Community College in Dryden, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montague's distinguished career in higher education further included service as vice president of student affairs, chief diversity officer, and dean of students at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minnesota, and associate vice provost and dean of students at the University of Missouri – St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, she was also a proud member of the Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Montague is survived by her husband, Michael McGhee, the love of her life whom she wed in 2004; mother, Linda Montague; siblings, Joan Montague, Sandra (Eddie)

Bolden, Mark (Jennie) Montague, and Sharon (Calvin) Mister; nieces and nephews, Jennifer Atkinson, Nijell (Ronisia) Jones, Jada Mister, Christopher (Brittany) Atkinson, Edward Bolden, Alex Bolden, Alan Bolden, Aubrey Williams, and Caleb Montague; and children, Christopher, Brian, Tiffany (Andrew), Annalise Patterson, and Martise; and

WHEREAS, also left to cherish her memory are her brothers-in-law, Earl (Jerlean) Levy, Marvin (Linda) McGhee, and Manfret McGhee; sisters-in-law, Marion Wise, Priscilla Levy, Joyce McDonald, and Noelle Vannortswick; grandchildren, Briana, Christian, Aniya, Anthony, Jaylen, Isiah, Jayde, Micah, and Amelia; and a host of friends and extended family, especially her close friends, Sharon Beatty, Sherrone Beatty-Wells, Jeri Blakely, Greg Lyons, Greg McCalley, Tina Mosley, Alana Parks, Ty Stone, and Heather Weeden; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Atkinson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Orinthia T. Montague leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Orinthia T. Montague, 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 Dr. Montague.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.