

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 253

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Alisa White upon her inauguration
as the president of Austin Peay State University.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to pay special recognition to those citizens who have achieved significant milestones in their careers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alisa White is one such individual, who was recently inaugurated as the tenth president to lead Austin Peay State University, a splendid accomplishment that shines a light on a stellar career; and

WHEREAS, prior to coming to Austin Peay State University, Dr. White served astutely as provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas at Tyler and also enjoyed a highly successful tenure at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, where she served as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious career in higher education, Dr. White was also previously employed by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Louisiana State University in Shreveport, the University of West Georgia, and the University of Texas at Arlington in such capacities as associate professor, department chair, graduate advisor, dean, and provost; and

WHEREAS, educated in Tennessee, Dr. Alisa White is a 1980 graduate of Lee University in Cleveland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business, and received both her Master of Science degree in library and information science and Doctor of Philosophy in mass communications from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. White is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Elliot Herzlich; and

WHEREAS, the inauguration of Dr. Alisa White as the president of Austin Peay State University heralds a positive change for the institution and marks the beginning of a new and exciting era in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that the members of this General Assembly formally recognize this outstanding educator and administrator for her unparalleled leadership ability and her fervent commitment to the highest tenets of education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Alisa White upon her inauguration as the president of Austin Peay State University and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

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