

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 215

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Kelli Peterson, 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30.

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 individual is Kelli Peterson, who was recently recognized as one of the members of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, presented by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Tennessee chapter selects thirty individuals for its class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, which recognizes business professionals throughout Middle Tennessee for their leadership qualities, volunteerism, and business endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the assistant principal at East End Preparatory School, Ms. Peterson joined the school in 2013 as the academic dean for grades kindergarten through second; prior to that, she served in numerous capacities in the academic field, including as a first-grade teacher at Excellence Charter School in Brooklyn, New York; a sixth-grade writing instructor at Ivy Preparatory Academy in Norcross, Georgia; a language arts teacher at Northeast Ohio College Preparatory School in Cleveland, Ohio; and the dean of student life and management, the dean of curriculum and instruction, and the principal at the University of Cleveland Preparatory School in Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a native of Michigan, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Spelman College and a Master of Education Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and is currently a Doctor of Education candidate at Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, while teaching first grade at Excellence Charter School in Brooklyn, Kelli Peterson discovered her passion for serving the needs of her students and their families and committed herself to alleviating inadequate educational opportunities for students of color; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peterson is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Golden Key Honor Society, Spelman College Alumnae Association, and Tennessee Core Regional Committee; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the individuals of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Kelli Peterson on being named a member of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 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.