



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Andrea Bond Johnson upon receiving a 2011 Sterling Award.

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 estimable individual is Andrea Bond Johnson, who recently received a 2011 Sterling Award; and

WHEREAS, the awards were created by the Jackson Business and Professional Women and *The Jackson Sun* to honor those women in West Tennessee who have achieved a significant level of success; and

WHEREAS, nominees must meet several requirements: they must live or work in West Tennessee, outside of Shelby County; they must be leaders in business or their professions; they must display creativity and innovation and contribute these talents to the growth of their professions; and they must contribute time and energy to community improvement; and

WHEREAS, more than seventy nominations were received and, of those, twenty were chosen as the 20 Most Influential Women of West Tennessee, each of whom received a Sterling Award; and

WHEREAS, a highly-respected member of the Brownsville community, Ms. Johnson serves with acumen and alacrity as the Chief Executive Officer of Golden Circle Insurance Agency, Inc., a family business for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Bond Johnson received her Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Tennessee State University and her Master's in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, with a two-week international residency in Moscow, Russia, and Warsaw, Poland, for global economic studies; and

WHEREAS, a woman of many talents, Ms. Johnson is not only a certified professional insurance agent, but she is also a licensed funeral director with Rawls Funeral Home of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Andrea Bond Johnson has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through her service in numerous noteworthy organizations, including rendering sterling service as the President of the Jackson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Second Vice-President of the Jackson Chapter of the Links, Inc.; life member and Assistant Treasurer of the Haywood County Branch of the NAACP; former board chairperson of the Haywood Park Community Hospital; and member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; Brownsville Chamber of Commerce; Professional Insurers Association; Advisory Board of InSouth Bank and Tennessee Tax Structure Study Commission; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated civic leader is also a graduate and member of the board of directors of Leadership Haywood County, graduate of the WestStar Leadership Class, Commissioner of the Brownsville Regional Planning Board, special friend volunteer of the Haywood County School System, and member of the Brownsville Business Association, Brownsville Rotary Club, and West Tennessee Business and Community Leaders' Network; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Andrea Bond Johnson takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; 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 like Ms. Johnson, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Andrea Bond Johnson upon receiving a 2011 Sterling Award, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place, 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.

**ADOPTED: May 4, 2011**

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Handwritten signature of Ron Ramsey in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

**RON RAMSEY**  
**SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**