

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1008

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Vivian Underwood Shipe, 2020 recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy.

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 Vivian Underwood Shipe of Knox County, who was recently named a 2020 recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy was created to honor those who steadfastly work to improve the lives of seniors in the Knoxville community, as the award's namesake did throughout his career; recipients are professionals and community members who have been nominated in recognition of their tireless efforts on behalf of seniors; and

WHEREAS, Vivian Underwood Shipe is the founder and executive director of I Am the Voice of the Voiceless, a nonprofit organization that serves at-risk populations in the Knoxville community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Underwood Shipe retired from the United States Postal Service in 2018 after thirty-five years of faithful service to that institution and rendered sterling service as the union president of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, a charter member of the Lions Club, Vivian Underwood Shipe serves on the board of directors for the East Tennessee Eye Bank and the Council on Aging and as co-lead for the All4Knox family and community sector; she also devotes her time and talents to the

Knoxville-Knox County Elder Abuse Task Force and the Women's Suffragist Committee of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Underwood Shipe has worked tirelessly to serve seniors in her community, and it is most fitting that she be honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Vivian Underwood Shipe, 2020 recipient of the John J. Duncan Sr. Award for Senior Advocacy, extending our best wishes for her continued success as she compassionately and devotedly endeavors to serve others.

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.