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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Lynnise Roehrich-Patrick
Executive Director

DATE: 21 August 2013

SUBJECT: Commission Updates

On 28 July 2013, Representative Lois DeBerry passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. Representative DeBerry had been a member of the Commission since March of 2013. The longest serving member of the House of Representatives and the second African-American woman to serve in the Tennessee General Assembly, she was first elected in 1972 and was the first female speaker pro tempore in the House. Representative DeBerry was highly regarded by her colleagues in the House, who gave her the honorary title of speaker emeritus in 2011. The attached resolution, drafted for your approval, recounts these and other accomplishments.