SENATE RESOLUTION No. 12

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2022 SESSION

Sponsored by:
Senator RONALD L. RICE
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SYNOPSIS
Urges support and protection for African-American women.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.
A Senate Resolution urging support and protection for African-American women.

WHEREAS, On the night of December 4, 2020 at approximately 8:30 p.m., 36-year-old Aieshia McFadden was found outside a liquor store in Jersey City with a fatal gunshot wound to her torso; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that the Hudson County prosecutor identified the man arrested and charged in the suspected murder of Aieshia McFadden, as Thaddues Williams, 37, of East Orange; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFadden was an African-American woman and a mother to four children; and

WHEREAS, She was described as a woman who loved, and was devoted to, her children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McFadden was a cafeteria worker at Lincoln High School. According to the principal, she had a great relationship with the kids in the building and was a part of the school and its culture; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that Ms. McFadden was touched inappropriately by a man in the liquor store prior to being shot; and

WHEREAS, According to Now.org, for African American women like Ms. McFadden, sexual assault and violence are pervasive issues that routinely go unreported and under-addressed; and

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House to issue a call to action to protect and support African-American women who stand up and advocate for themselves in the face of violence, injustice, and persecution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House requests action to protect and support African-American women who stand up and advocate for themselves in the face of violence, injustice, and persecution.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Commissioner of Human Services and the Attorney General.

STATEMENT

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