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A native of east Tennessee, Houston grew up on a diversified cow/calf operation, and her family owns and operates the oldest livestock auction market in Tennessee. Houston holds a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Mississippi and a Master's Degree in Political Management with a specialization in advocacy politics from The George Washington University.