

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 614

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Reverend Dr. Rosalyn R. Nichols upon her receipt of the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Reverend Dr. Rosalyn R. Nichols, who recently received the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award in recognition of the leadership and service she has provided to the good people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the only African-American woman in her region to organize a church from start to sustainability, Reverend Dr. Nichols is the organizing pastor of Freedom's Chapel Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, the first female clergy to serve as visiting professor at the Gweru Baptist Theological Seminary in Gweru, Zimbabwe, she has traveled with church planters throughout China and participated in a renewal pilgrimage to Galilee and Jerusalem; she currently serves at Memphis Theological Seminary as the Starks Advancement Director for the Henry Logan Starks Scholarship Dinner and Awards Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, founder of "A More Excellent Way," a ministry that works to end relationship violence, Reverend Dr. Rosalyn Nichols was honored as a guest presenter at the first Conference of Sexuality and Covenant; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Nichols is an exemplary individual; her commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Reverend Dr. Rosalyn R. Nichols upon her receipt of the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award as we extend to her our best wishes for continued success in 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.