

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 722

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to recognize Shirley Jones of Jackson on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Jones is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction since 1994 as an employee of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, where she currently holds the position of Senior Vice President of Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, after more than thirty-six total years of service to the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Jones will be taking a much-deserved retirement on February 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Jones first began her involvement with the Jackson Chamber of Commerce thirty-six years ago as a volunteer after her graduation from Leadership Jackson, the organization's leadership development program, working primarily in the Chamber's education efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones played a key role in the Jackson Chamber's Partners In Education Program, which connected volunteers and resources with schools for the betterment of public education from 1983 through 2016; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Jones served as co-chair of the Jackson-Madison County Education Edge School-to-Work program, was a member of the Tennessee Education Edge Steering Committee, and was instrumental in the development of Madison County's Faculty in Factory program to offer summer externships to teachers and counselors in local businesses; and

WHEREAS, during her extensive career with the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, she has worked closely with elected officials at every level of government, overseeing the

organization's governmental relations activities, and has served as an advocate for chamber members and the Jackson business community; and

WHEREAS, perhaps her favorite responsibility has been overseeing the Red Coat Ambassadors, the Chamber's largest group of volunteers, who assist with member events such as ribbon cuttings, grand openings, and ground breakings; and

WHEREAS, recognized for her work promoting business and business issues at the state level, Shirley Jones was presented the Champion of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award in November 2017 by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry, marking only the third time this prestigious honor has ever been awarded; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 recipient of the Jackson-Madison County Education Association's Friend of Education Award, Shirley Jones was also specially recognized by the City of Jackson and Madison County when February 10, 2000, was declared, "Shirley Jones Day" to honor her many contributions to education; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Jones is an active and important part of her community, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Old Hickory Rotary Club, the Ayers Children's Medical Center Advisory Board, the Imagination Library Board, and the WLJT Public Television Board; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Jones enjoys the love and support of her husband, David, and her family; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Jones exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the citizens of Jackson; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Shirley Jones our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every 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.