

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 939

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sarah Carpenter, Third Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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 Sarah Carpenter, who is being honored at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service she has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the Third Annual Living Legend Awards ceremony, which honors Harriet Tubman and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis on March 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a champion for education reform, Sarah Carpenter is the founding executive director of The Memphis Lift, a parent-focused group that works to amplify the voice of parents and demand high-quality education through choice and healthy competition; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Carpenter began her efforts to bring quality education to her community in 2001, organizing parents and working with community groups and other nonprofit organizations to eventually bring the first KIPP charter school to Memphis; and

WHEREAS, prior to her work with The Memphis Lift, Ms. Carpenter served as a board member of the Northside Family Resource Center and KIPP Public Charter Schools; and

WHEREAS, a beloved family matriarch, Sarah Carpenter enjoys the love and support of her four wonderful children, thirteen treasured grandchildren, and cherished foster children; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Carpenter 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 congratulate Sarah Carpenter upon her recognition at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud her outstanding community leadership, and extend 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.