

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 939

By Harris

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Claiborne Ferguson for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the 2023–2024 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Claiborne Ferguson of Shelby County, who is the 2023–2024 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (TACDL); and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers was formed and chartered in 1973, making it the oldest legal defense bar association in the State; TACDL provides education, training, and support to criminal defense lawyers and advocates for fair and effective criminal justice in the courts and wherever justice demands; and

WHEREAS, Claiborne Ferguson graduated *magna cum laude* from the Mississippi College School of Law in 1999, and he has more than twenty years of experience exclusively handling criminal cases; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson has additional experience in civil litigation, legal malpractice, personal injury, and real estate law; he also has extensive medical science and technology training to defend individuals prosecuted with technology; and

WHEREAS, a life member of the TACDL, Claiborne Ferguson is an attendee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the "Superheroes of DUI Defense" and "Making the Case for Life, VI" seminars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson is a senior litigation attorney at The Claiborne Ferguson Law Firm, representing people in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas; a criminal trial specialist certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy; and owner of Blackwatch Investigation and Mitigation; and

WHEREAS, throughout his legal career, Claiborne Ferguson has practiced the art of advocacy and handled numerous high-pressure trials in Memphis and surrounding areas with exceptional results, thus forging his understanding of justice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity as an attorney and civic leader, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Claiborne Ferguson for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee as the 2023–2024 president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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.