

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 941

By Richardson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Joseph P. Hagan upon his receipt of the Francis P. Gassner Award.

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 person is Joseph P. Hagan of Memphis, who was recently selected as the 2009 recipient of the Francis Gassner Award by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Memphis; and

WHEREAS, established in 1977 to commemorate the extraordinary architect Francis P. Gassner of Memphis, the prestigious Francis Gassner Award is the highest honor awarded by AIA Memphis and is presented each year to an architect or member of a related profession for outstanding contributions to the quality of the built environment in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, employed since 1994 as the Principal at Architecture Incorporated, Mr. Hagan is a 1984 graduate of Tulane University School of Architecture and is licensed in Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Mississippi, Texas, Wisconsin, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, prior to his current employment Joseph Hagan served as an Intern Architect with the prestigious firms of McFarland & Associates, Inc., Bologna & Associates, Inc., and JMW Architects, Inc.; held the post of Contract Project Management with Rudolph Jones, Architect; and operated his own firm; and

WHEREAS, NCARB certified and a registered member of the American Institute of Architects since 1992, Mr. Hagan is a member of the Memphis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Tennessee American Institute of Architects; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented professional, Joseph Hagan has had the opportunity to utilize his impressive architectural skills on a number of historic buildings and structures, including Memphis East High School, the W.C. Handy Performing Arts Park, the Maria Montessori School, the Security Watch Building, the Crump Building Tower Renovation, and the High Point Pinch Addition, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, a prominent member of his profession, Joseph Hagan is a former president and member of the Board of Directors of AIA Tennessee and is also a former president and member of the Board of Directors of AIA Memphis, where he also served as the sponsorship committee chairman and as the past-president's council representative; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hagan has served as an advisory group member of the National American Institute of Architects Computer Aided Practice Professional Interest Area, chairman of the State Convention Planning Committee for Tennessee AIA, and as a National AIA Leadership Conference Committee member; and

WHEREAS, a featured speaker at the 1997 National AIA Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, Joseph Hagan has been a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation since 1992; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded individual who was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Energy in 2008, Joseph P. Hagan also provided sterling service with the Memphis Landmarks Commission, serving as a commissioner from 1996 to 2006, chairman from 1999 to 2000 and vice chairman from 1997 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, an active and vital part of his community, Mr. Hagan is a member of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association, a former chairman of the Rajun Cajun Crawfish Festival, and a former steering committee chairman of the Memphis Botanic Gardens Good Earth Festival; and

WHEREAS, named to Memphis Business Journal's Top 40 Under Forty, Joseph Hagan is a member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, a founder of T.H.O.R., Incorporated, and a former board member and board vice chairman of The Center for Southern Folklore, which he also served as chairman of the Memphis Music and Heritage Festival from 1994-1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hagan has also lent his time and talents as a member of the Board of Directors of The Maria Montessori Schools and Porter-Leath Children's Center Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the preservation of Memphis' cultural and architectural heritage, Joseph Hagan epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Joseph Hagan for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Joseph P. Hagan for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon his receipt of the Francis P. Gassner Award, 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.