

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 942

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Brinders Jones, 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 Dr. Brinders Jones, 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, born in Rossville, Dr. Brinders Jones is the youngest of thirteen children born to Maggie and Cleve Jones; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones received her bachelor's degree from LeMoyne-Owen College in 1978 and her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1983; she then completed her internship and residency at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a board-certified pediatrician for thirty-two years, Dr. Brinders Jones was the first African-American woman to practice pediatric medicine in Bolivar through the National Health Service Corps, and she has practiced medicine throughout West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jones provides quality and affordable health care to each family that walks through the doors of her medical practice, Pediatric Partners of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a respected physician, she serves on the board of the Memphis Health Center and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Tennessee Pediatric Society, and Bluff City Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brinders Jones volunteers her time and talents with Arise to Read, helping children develop their reading and comprehension skills, and is an active member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Myron Johnson, and her daughter, Stormee' Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brinders Jones 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 Dr. Brinders Jones 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.