

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1102

By Akbari

A RESOLUTION to honor Hazel Moore upon her receipt of the Hazel Moore Award in Memphis.

WHEREAS, there are concerned citizens in the Hamilton Heights, Alcy, Norris, and Whitehaven areas of the City of Memphis who remain committed to the needs and issues of their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such citizen is Hazel G. Moore, a native Memphian whose love and concern for her city and its residents have evolved into a lifelong pursuit of volunteerism and community service; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her extraordinary life of service to her community and its citizens, The Hazel Moore Award has been established in her honor by the Hand Up Program and will be awarded to Mrs. Moore as the inaugural recipient; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore is a businesswoman and activist known for her civic involvement, particularly in the Whitehaven community, and for her work with the Academy for Youth Empowerment, a program that involves youth in programs and services throughout Whitehaven; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore is a cosmetology professional and licensed instructor whose salon, Hazel's Hair Fashions, has become one of the more successful businesses in the city and whose business location now serves as a gathering place for city and county officials and civic activists alike; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Moore has dedicated much of her time to public and private organizations, including serving as a member of the Methodist South Healthcare Community Board, as president of the Community Relations Council Board of the Dr. Benjamin Hooks Job

Corps Center, as a member of the Advisory Board of the Remington College Memphis Campus, and as a member of the Mayor's Advisory Board on Education; and

WHEREAS, her professional expertise has been recognized statewide, as she served as a member of the Tennessee Board of Cosmetology for more than twenty years, and as Chairman of the Memphis Beautician's Association, as Vice Chairman of the Tennessee Top Ten Beautician's Association, and as President of the Tennessee Beautician's Association; and

WHEREAS, her civic and professional involvement has led to her receiving a number of awards and accolades, including the 2013 Legends Award from the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, the 2012 Ruby R. Wharton Community Service Award, the American Police Association Community Award, the Tennessee Beautician's Association Award, the Women of Achievement Initiative Award, the Extraordinary Women Making a Difference Award, and the Tennessee Nation Builder Award from the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, those accolades also include the Mid-South Women in Business Spirit of Iris Award, the Business News Rainbow Award, the Most Outstanding Service Benny Award from the Black Business Association of Memphis, and such recognition awards as One of Memphis' *50 Women Making a Difference* and listings in *Who's Who in American Women* and *Who's Who in American Beauty*; and

WHEREAS, as she has divided her time between her occupation and her many civic activities, it has led to Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell naming December 8, 2012, "Hazel Moore Day," and to her being affectionately known as "The Mayor of Whitehaven;" and

WHEREAS, in her quest to improve the community and with increasing demands to expose young people to opportunities for personal success, Mrs. Moore collaborated with the state to implement "Mom for a Weekend," targeting young women at risk for teen pregnancy, and in 1993, she established The Academy for Youth Empowerment, holding annual Youth Leadership Seminars, Back-To-School Health Fairs, and an annual Holiday Festival Parade for schools, neighborhood organizations, and community businesses; and

WHEREAS, her husband, Jayne Moore; daughters Jacqueline Davis Mayo, Chiquita Davis, Debra Denise Rich, and Robbie Nell Davis; and beloved grandchildren respect and share

her passion for helping others, and her church, Union Valley Missionary Baptist Church, under the guidance of Reverend Dr. H. O. Kneeland, Jr., provides her with spiritual and divine guidance; and

WHEREAS, the event, *Rolling Out The Red Carpet For Hazel Moore*, was created expressly by those who love and admire Mrs. Moore for her many years of service to her hometown of Memphis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Hazel Moore for her contributions to her fellow Memphians, as she receives the accolades and appreciation deserving of her commitment and dedication to the highest principles of service and leadership as the inaugural recipient of The Hazel Moore Award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.