

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1174

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Jon S. Jackson of Memphis for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly acknowledge those estimable Tennesseans who have devoted themselves to serving their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Jon S. Jackson, who has been a staunch advocate for individuals in need of addiction treatment, prevention, and recovery services for the last two decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson is the Chief Operations Officer of Harbor House, Inc., in Memphis, in which position he has compassionately and capably served since 1998; since that time, he has ensured the highest quality of care for men who suffer from substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders; and

WHEREAS, under Jon Jackson's leadership, Harbor House provides an environment that preserves and promotes the dignity of the individuals served, without regard to race, color, creed, gender, economic or social circumstances, sexual orientation, or national origin; additionally, he provides educational lectures, facilitates groups, and offers clinical supervision and education for counselors in training and oversees all banking and accounting and state and federal reporting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson also currently serves as the president of the Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS); long devoted to this worthy organization, he served as a member of the board of directors, secretary, and treasurer; and

WHEREAS, under Jon Jackson's leadership, TAADAS has grown, employing an estimated 1,000 substance abuse professionals, volunteers, and support staff who are all concerned about substance abuse treatment and prevention in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his other professional affiliations include the National Association for Addiction Professionals, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, and American Mental Health Counselors Association; he has served the West Tennessee Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors as treasurer and the Governors Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors as an examiner for their oral examinations; and

WHEREAS, since 2015, he has served as an adjunct faculty member at Memphis Theological Seminary, instructing graduate-level courses for those pursuing credentials to become licensed alcohol and drug addiction counselors; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Treadwell High School in Memphis, Jon Jackson attended Memphis State University and Mississippi State University; he is a national certified addiction counselor and a licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor and also holds certifications in grief recovery and suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson has long been a passionate voice for those suffering from substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders, and he has rendered sterling service as a practitioner, a leader in his profession, and a mentor for those who will follow the same path of service he has chosen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jon S. Jackson for his many years of compassionate service in addition treatment, prevention, and recovery services, extending our gratitude and our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in the future.

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