

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 293

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jimmy Ogle upon his receipt of the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award and the third annual Frances Wright Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly 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 Jimmy Ogle, who recently received the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the good people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, he is also the recipient of the third annual Frances Wright Award, which honors and recognizes those who embody the legend of Francis Wright, a Scottish-born abolitionist, social reformer, lecturer, free-thinker, and writer; and

WHEREAS, former chairman of the Shelby County Historical Commission, Mr. Ogle currently serves as the Shelby County Historian; for the past ten years he has given more than 2,000 presentations throughout Shelby County, recognizing overlooked historical African-American figures; and

WHEREAS, operations director on Beale Street, Jimmy Ogle ushered in the Millennium at Handy Park with B. B. King. He was later appointed by the Smithsonian Institution to be the opening director of the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum; and

WHEREAS, his many honors include the Key to Downtown from the Downtown Memphis Convention and a Brass Note on Beale Street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ogle is an exemplary individual; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he 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 honor and commend Jimmy Ogle upon his receipt of the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award and the third annual Frances Wright Award as we extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his 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.