

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 316

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor Jim Cain of Nashville, Imperial
Potentate of Shriners International.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize a gentleman who has demonstrated his dedication to brotherhood, compassion, and service to others as the ultimate leader of Shriners International; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cain of Nashville was elected Imperial Potentate of Shriners International during the 2018 Imperial Session; the highest leadership position within the fraternal organization, the Imperial Potentate serves as president, chairman of the board of directors, and chief executive officer of Shriners International and chairman of the board of directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children; and

WHEREAS, now in his eleventh year as a member of the boards of directors for Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, Mr. Cain has chaired or been a member of numerous committees and served as the liaison officer to the Boston, Cincinnati, Shreveport, Springfield, and Tampa boards of governors for Shriners Hospitals for Children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain was raised a Master Mason in John B. Garrett Lodge #711 in Nashville and is a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Quetzalcoatl, and Royal Order of Scotland; he has been a member of Al Menah Shriners in Nashville since 1995 and served as Potentate in 2006; and

WHEREAS, he has held several positions within his temple, and as a member of Al Menah's Shriners Leadership Team, Mr. Cain assisted in raising more than five million dollars for Shriners Hospitals for Children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain is a past president of the Tennessee Shrine Association, a past Rabban of Hillbilly Clan #151, a life member of the Cabiri Association, and an associate member of several temples and has been awarded the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor; and

WHEREAS, in his professional life, Jim Cain was a locomotive engineer who worked for CSX Transportation for more than forty-two years as a community affairs and safety officer; and

WHEREAS, a former board member of the Tennessee Railroad Association, he spent three years as state coordinator of Tennessee Operation Lifesaver, Inc., and served as chairman of the board of the organization, as well as its Alabama counterpart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cain is indeed fortunate to share love and companionship with his loyal wife of more than fifty years, Patsy; their children, Janice and Jim, Jr.; and their grandchildren, Oakley and Paxton; and

WHEREAS, as Imperial Potentate and a member of the Imperial Divan, Jim Cain has provided outstanding leadership to Shriners International and moved the organization forward in its philanthropic mission of providing expert medical care for children with no financial burden to the patients or their families; 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 Jim Cain of Nashville, Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, for his faithful and proficient service to the organization, salute his ongoing commitment to his community, and wish him all the best 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.