

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 819

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael W. Rallings, 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 Michael W. Rallings, who is being honored at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he 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, a native of Memphis, Michael W. Rallings is the Director of Police Services for the City of Memphis, having served in that capacity at the appointment of Mayor Jim Strickland since August 2016; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-year veteran of the Memphis Police Department, Director Rallings entered the Memphis Police Academy on February 12, 1990, and served as a patrolman after graduation; and

WHEREAS, gradually rising through the ranks, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1996, Lieutenant in 2001, Major in 2008, and Colonel in 2009 before being named Deputy Chief in September 2009, in which capacity he commanded the Uniform Patrol Division District II, the Special Operations Division, and Uniform Patrol District I; and

WHEREAS, during his career with the Memphis Police Department, his work assignments have included the Organized Crime Unit, North Precinct, East Precinct, Central

Precinct, South Precinct, Firearms Training Unit, General Investigations Bureau, Felony Response Bureau, Fraud and Document Bureau, Entertainment District Unit, Training Academy, Mt. Moriah Station, and Executive Administration; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Director Rallings graduated from Wooddale High School and attended the University of Memphis. He holds an Associate of Arts degree from Shelby State Community College and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy; and

WHEREAS, a retired military veteran, Michael Rallings proudly rendered sterling service during his thirty-year military career with the United States Army and the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Michael W. Rallings 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 congratulate Michael W. Rallings upon his recognition at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, and extend 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.