

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 854

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Janice Gill Gray, 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 Janice Gill Gray, who is being honored at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service she has provided to the people of Memphis and 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, Janice Gill Gray has been involved in the insurance and financial services industry in Memphis for thirty-two years and has operated her own agency in Whitehaven for the past twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to tending to the business aspect of her agency, Mrs. Gray lifts up her fellow human beings by offering employment, internships, and mentoring opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a breast cancer survivor who feels blessed by the many opportunities God has given her, Mrs. Gray endeavors to improve her community by participating in various projects with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Phi Lambda Omega Chapter, which she previously served as president; and

WHEREAS, she also serves on the Board of Directors of Jaz's Jammies, works with Sisters Network Memphis, and mentors the Parkway Village Girl Scouts; she bestows her

Shining Star Award upon the Girl Scout who demonstrates the true spirit of service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray has received numerous accolades in recognition of her excellence as a professional and commitment as a citizen, including the State Farm Chairman's Circle Award, Gold Honor Award, Juanita Sims Doty Entrepreneur Award, *Memphis Silver Star News* Achievers Award, Sisters Network Memphis Volunteerism Award, Vanessa Rogers Long Humanitarian Award, Healthy Kids and Teens Stakeholders Award, and Reva Allman Award; and

WHEREAS, Janice Gill Gray expresses her faith as a member of Parkway Village Church of Christ, where she works with the Ladies Ministry; and

WHEREAS, she is fortunate to share love and companionship with her husband of thirty-four years, Eddie Gray, and their daughters, Jasmine and Kelsey; and

WHEREAS, Janice Gill Gray is an exemplary individual; her commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and she 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 Janice Gill Gray upon her recognition at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud her outstanding community leadership, and extend our best wishes for continued success in her 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.