

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 857

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Pearl "Eva" Walker, 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 Pearl "Eva" Walker, 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, Ms. Walker is the consummate public servant who has built an extensive network by working with a variety of worthy organizations and causes; most recently, she has expanded her efforts into energy justice and equity advocacy; and

WHEREAS, she is the founder of the I Love Whitehaven Neighborhood Association and the Memphis Raise Your Expectations social media forum and hosts her own web-based program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is actively engaged with Emerge Tennessee, Vote Run Lead, and Leaders of Color; and

WHEREAS, a licensed cosmetologist and instructor with more than thirty years of experience, Ms. Walker was the first cosmetologist with a natural hair specialty to serve as a member of the State cosmetology board; and

WHEREAS, she holds a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree with a major in African-American Studies and a concentration in Race Relations and Interracial Communications from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, she is fortunate to share love and companionship with her daughter, Nyne Ether Walker; and

WHEREAS, Pearl "Eva" Walker 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 Pearl "Eva" Walker 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.