

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 860

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Yvonne Denise Nelson, 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 Dr. Yvonne Denise Nelson, 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 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, Dr. Yvonne Denise Nelson is a philanthropist, humanitarian, and community advocate who is committed to challenging racial, economic, and environmental injustice and protecting human rights for the most vulnerable in our society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson is the CEO, editor, and publisher of *NEWS SCENE*, a monthly online magazine for and about residents of Memphis and Shelby County; she is also the current president of the Whitehaven Community Development Organization and the spokesperson for My ZIP, a new nonprofit organization that addresses community ills; and

WHEREAS, a former adjunct professor at LeMoyne-Owen College and Strayer University, Dr. Nelson holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from LeMoyne-Owen College, dual master's degrees from American InterContinental University, and a doctorate degree from Capella University; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, Dr. Nelson is a member of the Memphis City Beautiful commission, a graduate of Leadership Memphis, and president of Class 44 of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Training Academy; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is most proud of the love and support she shares with her two adult children, Douglas A. Wright, Jr., and Iman Zenoria D. Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne Denise Nelson 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 Dr. Yvonne Denise Nelson 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.