

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 861

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Pastor Keith Norman, 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 Pastor Keith Norman, 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, Pastor Keith Norman is the pastor of First Baptist Church, an evangelist, and a lecturer, who has given presentations across the country and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Morehouse College, he received his Doctorate in the Ministry from Memphis Theological Seminary and has undertaken additional studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Harvard Divinity School, and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Norman is the past state president of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Congress and past Dean of Christian Education for the Greater Memphis Sunday School and Nurture for Baptist Churches Congress; and

WHEREAS, he serves as a chaplain with the Law Enforcement Chaplains Corps of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and on the board of directors of the Memphis Shelby Crime

Commission; he is a former chair of the board of directors of the Shelby County Health Care Corporation (THE MED); and

WHEREAS, a past chair of the Memphis NAACP and the Shelby County Democratic Party, Pastor Norman is the chair of the Tennessee Historical Commission and a former chair of the Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Pastor Norman is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Alicia Yvette White Norman, and his four children, Keith, KeAsia, Keenan, and Kiara; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Keith Norman 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 Pastor Keith Norman 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.