

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 943

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. William Terrell, Jr., 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. William Terrell, Jr., 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, Dr. William Terrell is a highly respected pediatrician and the owner of the Memphis and Shelby County Pediatric Group; he also practices medicine at Baptist Hospital and is a staff member at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Methodist Healthcare Systems, and St. Francis Hospital; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of St. Augustine High School in Memphis, Dr. Terrell received his Bachelor of Science degree from Xavier University of Louisiana and his medical degree from Meharry Medical College; he completed his internship and residency in pediatrics at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where he later served as chief resident and completed a fellowship in pediatric hematology and oncology; and

WHEREAS, a man of duty and honor, Dr. Terrell was a member of the United States Navy Reserve and an active duty officer in the United States Air Force, serving as a weapons

controller, missile launch officer, and instructor at Officer Training School and retiring at the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Terrell is a member of the National Medical Association, the Memphis and Mid-South Pediatric Society, the Tennessee Medical Association, and the American Medical Association; the board chairman of the Sickle Cell Foundation of Tennessee; and a board member and consulting pediatrician of Healthy Kids and Teens, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Dr. Terrell is a longtime member of the ProDuffers Fundraiser for Sickle Cell Anemia; and

WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards and accolades, including the Healthcare Legacy Award from Collins Chapel Connection, the St. Jude Legacy Award from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Alumnus of the Year from the Memphis Chapter of Xavier University, among others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Terrell 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 Dr. William Terrell, Jr., 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.