

HOUSE RESOLUTION 39

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ruby Payne upon her receipt of the Living Legend Community Involvement Harriet "Moses" Tubman Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body 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 Ruby Payne, who received the Living Legend Community Involvement Harriet "Moses" Tubman Award in recognition of the leadership and service she has provided to the good people of the 86th House District in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, an experienced educator, Ruby Payne served Memphis City Schools as a teacher and administrator for forty-one years; she currently serves with acumen and alacrity as the Director of Recruitment, Parental Engagement, and Community Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, an avid community activist, she initiated the first Father Patrol Program in Memphis City Schools, which increased adult male participation as role models, community leaders, advocates, and mentors. She also co-founded Businesses United to Recognize Educators, which recognizes educators for their leadership and contributions and encourages collaboration and communication between the business and education communities; and

WHEREAS, for her outstanding service, the Memphis City Council dedicated a street in her honor. She was also named Principal of the Year four times and received the Innovative Leadership Principal Award; and

WHEREAS, Ruby Payne 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, that we honor and commend Ruby Payne upon her receipt of the Living Legend Community Involvement Harriet "Moses" Tubman Award, applaud her outstanding community leadership and service provided to the 86th House District, and extend to her 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.