

HOUSE RESOLUTION 248

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Belinda D. Tate, 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 Belinda D. Tate, 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, Belinda Tate grew up in the Orange Mound community and graduated from Melrose High School; and

WHEREAS, she studied interior design at the University of Memphis and was a real estate agent for seven years, during which time she ventured into the construction industry with the building of her own home; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tate pursued general contractor licensure in Tennessee and Mississippi and then launched Brenstine Homes, which has built and renovated more than 100 homes, ranging in size from 4,000 to 8,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, one of but a few African-American women general contractors in the State, she has constructed custom homes in east Shelby County, Rossville, Cordova, Millington, and Eads in Tennessee as well as in Southaven, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Belinda Tate was the principal developer for the South Brook Town Center renaissance, which encompassed more than 200,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is grateful for the love and support she shares with her husband, Anthony Tate, and her three daughters and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Belinda Tate 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 congratulate Belinda D. Tate 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.