

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1017

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A RESOLUTION to honor Eureka Lodge #3 F&AM of the  
Jurisdiction of Tennessee, Prince Hall Affiliate,  
on the occasion of its 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those fraternal organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts and tireless service to the public, have distinguished themselves as institutions of which we can be proud; and

WHEREAS, Eureka Lodge #3 in Memphis is celebrating its 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, a landmark occasion in the organization's illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, a celebration in honor of the Lodge's 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held on March 4, 2018, under the theme "Honoring Our Past Masters"; the keynote speaker was Most Worshipful Grand Master Arvin W. Glass, whose message was "You Better Recognize"; and

WHEREAS, organized on March 28, 1874, as Eureka Lodge U.D. (under dispensation) with Most Worshipful Grand Master G.W. Levers presiding, the organizational lodge met under dispensation in King Solomon Hall, and a Letter of Dispensation was granted to Senior Warden William O.D. Neal, who was later elected Worshipful Master. Brother Charles Hooks was elected secretary of the lodge; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 1875, Eureka Lodge was granted a charter and was initially known as Eureka Lodge #10; an integral organization in the Memphis community, the history of the lodge includes the names of some of the most prominent citizens of the Bluff City; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 1925, with Worshipful Master George W. Hulseby officiating, Eureka Lodge conferred the first degree of Masonry on Reverend Charles F. Williams, and on June 5<sup>th</sup> of that same year, Reverend Williams became a full member of the lodge; in June 1938, Reverend Williams was elected Worshipful Master of Eureka Lodge, which at that time

had forty-five members and one penny in the treasury; eight years later, in 1946, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Tennessee, and by that time, Eureka Lodge had grown to 511 members and boasted more than \$5,000 in the treasury; and

WHEREAS, honored past masters of Eureka Lodge #3 include Samuel Anderson, James A. Blankenship, John H. Canada, Joseph K. Carr, Shawn Douglass, Charles D. Graham, Felix Griggs, Jerry Kimble, Edward H. Lindsey, Willie Lowe, Brandon Martin, Ike Mason, Dennis Murphy, Sr., Mack H. Reed, Reverend Stanley T. Richardson, Jr., Lemonte Spencer, Lloyd E. Stovall, Harold L. Taylor, Joe Taylor, Jr., Tracy E. White, and Ezell Williams; and

WHEREAS, current officers of Eureka Lodge #3 are Samuel Anderson, Worshipful Master; Phillip Bougard, Senior Deacon; Frederick Tennial, Senior Warden; Larry Scott, Junior Deacon; Keith Kelly, Junior Warden; Demarcus Jones, Senior Steward; Mack H. Reed, Treasurer; Larry Milam, Junior Steward; Vincent Hatch, Secretary; Devin McNeiry, Tyler; Jerome McGee, Chaplain; and Jovan Williams, Marshall; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the accomplishments in Eureka Lodge, members from the Lodge have established or revitalized other lodges; members of Eureka Lodge possess a variety of talents, which they willingly place at the disposal of the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Eureka Lodge #3 has fostered a membership that has devoted itself to perpetuating the public good, and it is fitting that this entity be honored on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Eureka Lodge #3 upon the occasion of its 144<sup>th</sup> anniversary, extending our best wishes for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.