

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1140

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Darren Jernigan for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Darren Jernigan of Nashville is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Jernigan has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic life of Davidson County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, Darren Jernigan has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 60th House District, whom he has served as a member of the 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, and 113th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Darren Jernigan has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on December 7, 1969, Representative Jernigan is highly regarded as a healthcare consultant and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University and a Master of Criminal Justice degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process during his time in the General Assembly, Representative Darren Jernigan has rendered sterling service as chair of the House Property and Casualty Subcommittee, vice chair of the House Civil Justice Committee, vice chair of the House Civil Justice Committee of the 1st Extraordinary Session, and a member of the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House Calendar and Rules Committee of the 2nd Extraordinary Session, the House Banking Committee of the 3rd Extraordinary Session, the House Health Committee, the House Health Committee of the 1st Extraordinary Session, the House State Government Committee, the House State Government Committee of the 1st Extraordinary Session, the House Select Committee on Rules, the House Insurance Committee, the House Commerce Committee, the House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee of the 2nd Extraordinary Session, the House Children and Family Affairs Subcommittee, the House Public Service Subcommittee, the House State Government Subcommittee, the House Children and Family Affairs Subcommittee of the 1st Extraordinary Session, the House Health Subcommittee, the House Health Subcommittee of the 1st Extraordinary Session, the House Utilities Subcommittee, the House Mental Health and Substance Abuse Subcommittee, and the Joint Fiscal Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Jernigan served with distinction as a member of the Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County, where he represented District 11 from 2007 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, Darren Jernigan has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which he has demonstrated through his participation as a member of the Donelson/Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, the Merritt Downs Homeowners Association, the Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce, Old Hickory Veterans Memorial Park, Old Hickory Masonic Lodge #598, Old Hickory Bunch, Al Menah Temple, Andrew Jackson Foundation, Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Men's Auxiliary Post 1291, the Exchange Club of Donelson Hermitage, L'Evate (Leadership Donelson Hermitage),

DuPont Alumni Association, Tennessee Access Center State Advisory Committee, and Women's Political Collaborative of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career as a public servant, Darren Jernigan has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, throughout multiple hard-fought campaigns and through diligent representation of the people of Nashville, both as a member of the Council for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and as a State representative for the 60th House District, Representative Jernigan has made it known that "no one pushes Darren Jernigan around"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Darren Jernigan is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized for his exemplary tenure in the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Darren Jernigan for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 60th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

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.