



## State of Tennessee

### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 291

By Representative John DeBerry

and

Senator Ford

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Memphis School of Preaching.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those academic institutions that, through their unflagging dedication to excellence and their challenging curricula, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis School of Preaching is one such institution that, since opening its doors on September 6, 1966, has strived to train men to be ministers of the gospel and has sent thousands of individuals to evangelize throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, originally conceived and created by the elders of the Getwell Church of Christ in Memphis, the Memphis School of Preaching was founded to serve as an extension of the church's Bible teaching program; and

WHEREAS, the school was transferred to the Knight Arnold congregation in 1968, and it moved with the church, which is now known as Forest Hill Church of Christ, to its present location on Forest Hill Irene Road in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the school's curriculum strongly adheres to the principles of the Restoration Movement and seeks, first and foremost, to send forth into the fields of labor men who love the Lord and who will always be prepared to defend and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the school has been led by only three directors. Roy J. Hearn rendered sterling service as the school's director for seventeen years and also served as the first full-time instructor. The school was under the astute directorship of Curtis A. Cates from 1983 until 2007, when the baton of leadership was passed to Bobby Liddell; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1967, the school has hosted the Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship, attracting hundreds of attendants from all over the world; and

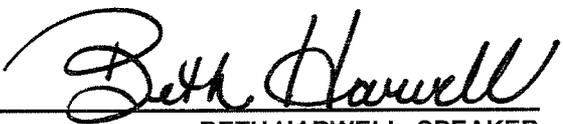
WHEREAS, for more than four decades, the Memphis School of Preaching has stood as a paragon of Bible-based education that has impacted many followers of Christ throughout the world, and it is wholly fitting that this body recognize the institution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the instructors, director, and elder leadership of the Memphis School of Preaching, commending them on their many contributions to their students throughout the years and extending our best wishes for their 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.

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ADOPTED: MAY 2, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR