



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 482

By Representative Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Reverend Arnold W. Joyner.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Arnold W. Joyner is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who faithfully serves as the pastor of Washington Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church; and

WHEREAS, the son of Parker Joyner, Sr., and Reverend Rosa Joyner, Arnold W. Joyner was called by the Lord under the pastorate of the late Reverend L. L. Burns at Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church; and

WHEREAS, serving as a beacon of light for twenty-first century ministry, Reverend Joyner is the patron minister of the Northeast District Missionary Society, and through adroit Christian leadership, he served as treasurer of the Memphis District for four years and the Northeast District for six years in the West Tennessee Region of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to the highest precepts of education, Arnold W. Joyner graduated in 1970 from Melrose High School, attended Shelby State Community College, and received a Certificate of Theology from Phillips School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in the secular world, Reverend Joyner compiled an impressive record of military service during his four years as a 3rd Class Petty Officer in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyner served with unwavering dedication and fortitude for a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1973 to 1974, rising to meet all challenges in his path; and

WHEREAS, gracing every ocean except the Antarctic, Arnold W. Joyner sailed completely around the globe during his service in the United States Navy, visiting thirteen countries, the Caribbean Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, the South China Sea, and the English Channel; and

WHEREAS, a man who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, Arnold W. Joyner also served with distinction for many years as a State Police Sergeant for the University of Tennessee, Memphis; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Reverend Joyner is thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his devoted wife, Sandra Joyner; this couple's blessed union has produced two wonderful children, Karume Joyner and Tilope Joyner-White, and three cherished grandchildren, Nailah Joyner, Kaylen Joyner, and Kya White; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of the Lord, Reverend Arnold W. Joyner has demonstrated the utmost ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his friends, his family, and the many members of his congregation at Washington Chapel C.M.E. Church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Joyner served his nation with courage and gallantry during his tour of duty in Vietnam, and he deserves proper recognition for heroism both in the United States Armed Forces and in society today as a religious leader; 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 honor and recognize Reverend Arnold W. Joyner for his vibrant pastorate at Washington Chapel C.M.E. Church, commend Reverend Joyner for his many years

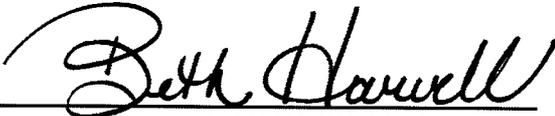
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of honorable service and spiritual inspiration to his congregation, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

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

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ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 19th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR