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HR 1120

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5 By: Representative Brooks
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8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO HONOR CRAIG JONES, LONGTIME CHOIR TEACHER AT
10 HARDING ACADEMY IN SEARCY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS
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20 WHEREAS, Craig Jones, teacher and choral director at Harding Academy in
21 Searcy, Arkansas, for forty-eight (48) years, will retire at the end of this
22 school year; and
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24 WHEREAS, along with serving as choral director, Craig Jones teaches
25 Bible classes at Harding Academy; and
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27 WHEREAS, Craig Jones is a 1977 graduate of Harding College (now Harding
28 University) and received his master's degree in music history from Memphis
29 State College (now the University of Memphis); and
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31 WHEREAS, under the direction of Craig Jones, the junior and senior high
32 choirs of Harding Academy have consistently received Division I ratings at
33 regional and state competitions; and
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35 WHEREAS, under the direction of Craig Jones, the Harding Academy choirs
36 have performed in thirty-eight (38) states; and



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WHEREAS, under the direction of Craig Jones, the Harding Academy choirs have performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City, New York, Walt Disney World, Disneyland, the George W. Bush Presidential Library, the United States Air Force Academy, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, Harding University presidential inaugurations, the United States Capitol, the Louisiana legislature, and the Arkansas State Capitol, and they have sung Ludwig van Beethoven's famous Symphony No. 9 and other notable pieces with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Craig Jones was honored at the Arkansas Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association Trailblazer Awards; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Craig Jones was named Teacher of the Year by the National Christian School Association; and

WHEREAS, Craig Jones received the 2010 Outstanding Music Educator Award from the National Federation of State High School Associations; and

WHEREAS, Craig Jones has also received many awards from Harding Academy during his career there; and

WHEREAS, Craig Jones is a past president of the Arkansas Choral Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, Craig Jones is also renowned as a skilled impressionist, especially of Presidents of the United States,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives honor Craig Jones, longtime choral director at Harding Academy in Searcy, upon the occasion of his upcoming retirement.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Craig Jones by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.
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