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H. RES. 397

Honoring the life and legacy of Bernice Young Jones.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOOZMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of Bernice Young Jones.

Whereas Bernice Young Jones was born on October 31, 1905, and raised on a farm in Oak Grove, Arkansas;

Whereas Bernice Jones, along with her late husband Harvey Jones, spent much of their fortune from Jones Truck Lines, Inc., to foster the development of community spirit in the city of Springdale, Arkansas, and throughout the State of Arkansas;

Whereas, as a former schoolteacher, Bernice Jones had a great love for children and supported and improved the lives of many children throughout her life;

Whereas during the Great Depression Harvey and Bernice Jones rented a building, hired a teacher, and paid for supplies to keep the Springdale, Arkansas, School District open;

Whereas in the 1950s Harvey and Bernice Jones were instrumental in the development of Springdale's first hospital, and in 1992 Bernice continued their support for the hospital by pledging \$25,000,000 to the Northwest Medical Center of Washington County;

Whereas, after the death of her husband, Bernice Jones continued the Jones tradition of giving by paying for computers and Internet access for the entire Springdale School District, donating \$11,500,000 for the Harvey and Bernice Jones Eye Institute at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas, establishing the Bernice Young Jones School of Fine Arts and several educational centers at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and establishing the Harvey and Bernice Jones Center for Community Design at the University of Arkansas School of Architecture in Fayetteville, Arkansas;

Whereas when Bernice Jones established in 1995 the Harvey and Bernice Jones Center for Families, a 235,000 square foot facility dedicated to the intellectual, cultural, and spiritual enrichment of families throughout the Springdale community, she insisted on only one rule: all are welcome, as long as they behave like ladies and gentlemen;

Whereas Bernice Jones received the Presidential Citizens Medal in 1996, in recognition of her service to humanity;

Whereas, through her grace and faith, Bernice Jones was a truly generous soul who touched the lives of citizens from all over the State of Arkansas; and

Whereas on September 10, 2003, Arkansans were deeply saddened by the death of Bernice Jones: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its deep appreciation of Bernice
3 Young Jones for the impact that she had, through
4 her generous contributions, on the State of Arkansas;
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6 (2) honors Bernice Jones as a humanitarian
7 and for her commitment to building community spirit;
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9 (3) expresses profound sorrow for the death of
10 Bernice Jones and extends condolences to all of her
11 family and friends.

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