

By: Representative Brooks

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO HONOR CRAIG JONES, LONGTIME CHOIR TEACHER AT  
HARDING ACADEMY IN SEARCY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
UPCOMING RETIREMENT.

### Subtitle

TO HONOR CRAIG JONES, LONGTIME CHOIR  
TEACHER AT HARDING ACADEMY IN SEARCY,  
UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS UPCOMING  
RETIREMENT.

WHEREAS, Craig Jones, teacher and choral director at Harding Academy in Searcy, Arkansas, for forty-eight (48) years, will retire at the end of this school year; and

WHEREAS, along with serving as choral director, Craig Jones teaches Bible classes at Harding Academy; and

WHEREAS, Craig Jones is a 1977 graduate of Harding College (now Harding University) and received his master's degree in music history from Memphis State College (now the University of Memphis); and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Craig Jones, the junior and senior high choirs of Harding Academy have consistently received Division I ratings at regional and state competitions; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Craig Jones, the Harding Academy choirs have performed in thirty-eight (38) states; and



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.

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