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HOUSE RECOGNIZES FOUNDER OF THE SOUTHERN HERITAGE CLASSIC

NASHVILLE (March 5) – On Thursday the Tennessee House of Representatives and Senate recognized **Fred Jones, Jr.**, for his extraordinary efforts. With Mr. Jones having touched the lives of thousands, he was recognized as a distinguished and remarkable leader in the community.

“Mr. Jones had a vision twenty years ago to do something for the city of Memphis, and while that vision took an unimaginable amount of time and energy, it brought people together and created an economic engine for this state,” said **State Representative Karen Camper** (D-Memphis). “It’s an honor for me to stand here today to recognize such a great Tennessean who has done so much to bring different, diverse groups together and make Tennessee a better place to live.”

Fred Jones, Jr., recognized the power of having of two well-matched southern football teams, Jackson State University and Tennessee State University square off in an annual grudge match. He realized the possibilities that reached beyond the game itself. Mr. Jones' vision was to draw tens of thousands of fans from across the region for a weekend of exciting sports. The success of the Southern Heritage Classic Celebration has grown to become a staple of Memphis.

Fred Jones, Jr., was accompanied by the head football coach of Tennessee State University, Rod Reed, Athletic Director Teresa Phillips, and others.

The resolution passed overwhelmingly in the House by a vote of 94 –Ayes.

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