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University of Memphis Men’s Basketball Head Coach Tubby Smith
to Salute Living Coaching Legend Jerry C. Johnson
at 98th Birthday Bash

MEMPHIS, TN (June 1, 2016) The Jerry C. Johnson Foundation, Inc. proudly presents newly installed University of Memphis Tigers Head Basketball Coach Orlando “Tubby” Smith as the keynote speaker at the Coach Jerry C. Johnson 98th Birthday Celebration Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn - University of Memphis, 3700 Central Avenue.

Coach Johnson coached men’s basketball and other sports for more than 40 years at LeMoyne-Owen College where he won the NCAA Division III National Championship in 1975, becoming the only African American coach to win the title since the championship was established over 40 years ago. This impressive victory also distinguished him as the only coach in the state of Tennessee to ever win an NCAA men’s national title, a distinction he holds until this very day. He also won several division and conference basketball titles.

“Coach Johnson is a great man that not only championed basketball, but also loves education and emphasized the importance of educating our children as a means to fight poverty in the African-American community,” stated Jesse Chatman, newly elected board chair of the J CJ Foundation, Inc. “Coach Johnson educated young people and made them outstanding citizens”.

The Jerry C. Johnson Foundation exists to provide scholarships, educational, recreational, cultural, health and lifelong learning opportunities for youth and their families.

Tickets are $100 and may be purchased in the Office of Alumni Relations in Sweeney Hall at LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Ave. Call Clint Jackson at (901) 435-1238 or Frankie Jeffries at (901) 435-1530 for more information.

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