

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 902

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sammie Swanagan, Jr., upon being named King of the Orange Mound Community Center.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor and recognize those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Sammie Swanagan, Jr., is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Memphis community, Mr. Swanagan was recently named the King of the Orange Mound Community Center; and

WHEREAS, born on November 11, 1934, Sammie Swanagan, Jr., is the son of Sammie and Bertha Swanagan, who taught him the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, an avid learner and diligent student, Mr. Swanagan attended Cane Creek County Elementary School and Hamilton High School before attending Lane College in 1951; and

WHEREAS, an American patriot, Mr. Swanagan rendered sterling service in the United States Air Force for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, after his illustrious military career, Sammie Swanagan, Jr., served with acumen and alacrity for six years at John Morrell & Co., earning the respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike due to the outstanding quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a capable leader, Mr. Swanagan began his exemplary service as a supervisor at the V.A. Medical Center in 1982, working with purpose and passion to assist his fellow veterans until his retirement in January of 1997; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man expresses his devout Christian faith as a member of the Monumental Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Swanagan is the proud and loving father of three, grandfather of four, and great-grandfather of two; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swanagan joined the Orange Mound Community Center in May of 2009 and has thoroughly enjoyed being an active member of this invaluable organization, which offers a full range of services to provide entertainment, instruction, recreation, and other wholesome activities as it enhances the quality of life for Memphis residents; and

WHEREAS, Sammie Swanagan, Jr., is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and it is fitting that this General Assembly honor him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sammie Swanagan, Jr., upon being named King of the Orange Mound Community Center, commend him for his meritorious service to the fine citizens of Memphis, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.