

HOUSE RESOLUTION 5

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Porter on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2012, David Porter was recognized as one of *The Commercial Appeal's* "12 Who Made a Difference" for his tireless commitment to improving lives in the Greater Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter founded the Consortium MMT, or Memphis Music Town, which aims to mentor young musicians and performers with the aid of established artists and producers from the Consortium Committee; and

WHEREAS, with plans to admit its first students early this year, the organization will focus on areas such as songwriting, performing, recording, and producing; and

WHEREAS, a prolific songwriter, Mr. Porter composed more than 200 songs with his partner Isaac Hayes for the famous Stax Records, some of which include the popular "Soul Man" and the infectious "Hold On, I'm Comin'"; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, David Porter takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like David Porter, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate David Porter on being named a 2012 “12 Who Made a Difference” by *The Commercial Appeal*, thank him for all he has done to make Memphis and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

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