

HOUSE RESOLUTION 19

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Cato Johnson upon his being named the Arthur S. Holman Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause to recognize those Tennesseans who dedicate themselves to improving their communities and to serving those around them; and

WHEREAS, Cato Johnson of Memphis is one such intrepid individual; he has been named as the recipient of the 2013 Arthur S. Holman Lifetime Achievement Award, a fitting recognition for his many years of unwavering service to his community; and

WHEREAS, each year the Arthur S. Holman Lifetime Achievement Award is given by the University of Memphis to a Memphian whose life exemplifies outstanding dedication to the Memphis community and who is a constant reminder to today's students that hard work and dedication are the keys to success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson has long been a pillar of the Memphis community; he has served as the Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Methodist Healthcare since 1985 and, prior to holding that position, he rendered sterling service as the Vice President of Corporate Affairs at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of civic involvement and a natural leader, Cato Johnson serves as the chair of a number of organizations and committees, including the TennCare Medical Care Advisory Committee, the Shelby County School Athletic Committee, the University of Memphis Athletic Department Community Advisory Committee, the Southwest Tennessee Community College Board of Advisors, and the MIAA Athletic Development Committee, and as the vice chair of several others, including the Shelby County Schools Needs

Assessment Committee, the Shelby Schools Foundation, and Youth Education Through Sports;  
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson also dedicates his time and energies towards serving on the president's council for Lemoyne-Owen College and towards membership in the Memphis and Shelby County Public Building Authority, the Tennessee Hospital Association's Bylaws Committee and its Council on Governmental Affairs, the University of Memphis Tigers Club, the Southwest Tennessee Community College Foundation Board, the Sports Entertainment Recreation Venue Review Committee, the Coalition for a Better Memphis, and Generations, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree from the University of Memphis, has also been very active in legislative and governmental affairs for more than two decades; he is a former member of the original Governor's TennCare Roundtable, served as vice chair of the State Health Planning and Advisory Board, and rendered sterling service as the chair of the TennCare Medical Advisory Committee, and he is also a past president of the University of Memphis Alumni Association and a former member of the executive committee of the Memphis and Shelby County Sports Authority; and

WHEREAS, Cato Johnson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Johnson for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend and congratulate Cato Johnson upon his reception of the 2013 Arthur L. Holman Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

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