

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 286

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bishop William Graves, Sr., upon his receipt of the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Bishop William Graves, Sr., who recently received the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the good people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the 42nd Bishop of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Graves has served as pastor of a number of churches, including the historical Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, he began his career serving as president of the National Youth Conference and soon thereafter went on to represent his denomination in the World Council of Churches in India and in the World Methodist Conference in London, England, and Dublin, Ireland; for two General Conferences, he served as Chair of the Committee on Episcopacy of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, William Graves serves as a National Board member of the NAACP and the Tennessee Valley Authority and is the immediate past President of the Board of Directors of the National Congress of Black Churches; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Graves is an exemplary individual; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Bishop William Graves, Sr., upon his receipt of the 2019 Memphis Living Legend Award as we extend to him our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

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