

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 842

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Clyde R. Venson, Third Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we 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 Clyde R. Venson, who is being honored at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the people of Memphis and Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the Third Annual Living Legend Awards ceremony, which honors Harriet Tubman and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis on March 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Venson enjoyed a long and illustrious career in law enforcement, corrections, and security that spanned fifty-plus years; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Venson began working as a deputy sheriff in Shelby County and then served as a probation and parole officer for the State of Tennessee before embarking upon a seventeen-year tenure as Assistant Chief of Criminal Investigations for the Shelby County District Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from that post in 1985, Mr. Venson was the Director of Traffic Safety for Shelby County, then the Administrator of Security for the Shelby County Correction Center, and finally the Director of Police Services for the Memphis Housing Authority, in which position he organized a ninety-officer POST-certified police force; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1994, he organized and conducted law enforcement training seminars and then served as a security consultant for public housing in three states from 2000 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Venson founded the National United Law Enforcement Officers Association, Inc., in 1969 to give black police officers a voice in their profession; and

WHEREAS, since 1986, Clyde Venson has served with distinction as the General Chairman of the Memphis Cotton Makers Jubilee, Inc., a seventy-five-year-old community celebration of national significance; and

WHEREAS, he is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Annette Broussard-Venson; daughters, Jane Venson-Talford and Lisa Venson-Wright; and grandchildren, Kayla and Fenton, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Venson 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 congratulate Clyde R. Venson upon his recognition at the Third Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, and extend 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.