

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 889

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Keedran Franklin, 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 Keedran Franklin, 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 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, an entrepreneur and community activist, Keedran Franklin was a key organizer of the July 10, 2016, bridge protest in Memphis that brought to light the plight of many young African Americans striving for a fair base wage, the need to combat permanent exile in temporary service labor structures, and the necessity of creating more African-American minority contracts within the industry; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, Mr. Franklin was chosen to lead the community organizing sector of The Fight for \$15 & Union Rights movement in Memphis, which advocates for a fair minimum wage and union rights for workers; and

WHEREAS, he is also a founder of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens (C3), which united various community-based organizations and led to the establishment of the C3 Land Cooperative to create urban farming to combat food deserts, including an educational platform to teach citizens how to economically empower themselves from the sale of their produce; and

WHEREAS, in August 2017, Mr. Franklin helped create the Books & Breakfast program, which has fed and inspired more than 3,500 children and adults, increasing their appreciation of learning to read while receiving a nutritious meal; and

WHEREAS, Keedran Franklin 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 Keedran Franklin 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.