

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 935

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Willie Harper, 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 Willie Harper, 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, a highly successful businessman, Willie Harper is the owner of A & A Bail Bonding Company, which has been in operation for thirty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harper is also part of the ownership group of Southbrook Town Center, which is repurposing the Southbrook Mall to serve as a beacon of African-American business and a centerpiece for the Whitehaven community of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, the son of Willie and Melinda Harper, Willie Harper is a graduate of Germantown High School and Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Willie Harper 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 Willie Harper 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.