

HOUSE RESOLUTION 28

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize A C Wharton upon his receipt of the Living Legend Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body 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 A C Wharton, who received the Living Legend Award in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the good people of the 86<sup>th</sup> House District in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, born in Lebanon, A C Wharton is a graduate of Tennessee State University and the University of Mississippi School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wharton began his career in 1973 as executive director of Legal Services in Memphis. In 1980, he was appointed Chief Shelby County Public Defender, and he established the Wharton Law Firm with his wife; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Wharton was honored to be elected as the first African-American mayor of Shelby County, in which position he earned the respect of his community for his hard work and dedication; he went on to serve as mayor of Memphis from 2009 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, A C Wharton 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, that we honor and commend A C Wharton upon his receipt of the Living Legend Award, applaud his outstanding

community leadership and service provided to the 86<sup>th</sup> House District, and 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.