

HOUSE RESOLUTION 29

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mayor Lee Harris 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 Mayor Lee Harris, who received the Living Legend Award in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the good people of the 86th House District in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Overton High School, Morehouse College, and Yale Law School, Mayor Harris has striven tirelessly for the benefit of his community as a historically influential Memphian; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Harris began his professional career as an associate at Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz before starting his fourteen-year tenure at the University of Memphis, where he became the first African-American tenured full professor of law in the school's history; he is the inaugural holder of the Federal Express Professorship in Law and the author of two textbooks; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Memphis City Council in 2011 and the State Senate in 2014, where he became the first African-American Senate Minority Leader in Tennessee history; in 2018, he was elected mayor of Shelby County, garnering over half of all votes cast; and

WHEREAS, Lee Harris has received much praise for his work in politics and government; he was selected to the prestigious Aspen-Rodel Fellows program and has been recognized as a New Deal Leader; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lee Harris 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 Mayor Lee Harris upon his receipt of the Living Legend Award, applaud his outstanding community leadership and service provided to the 86th 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.