

HOUSE RESOLUTION 31

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Willie W. Herenton 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 Willie W. Herenton, 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, Mr. Herenton received a Bachelor of Arts degree from LeMoyne College and a Master of Arts degree from Memphis State University; he has worked tirelessly for the benefit of his community throughout his career as an educator and politician; and

WHEREAS, Willie Herenton has served the City of Memphis as a school teacher, elementary school principal, deputy superintendent, and superintendent; he was the first African-American mayor ever elected in the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, he is active in the community, belonging to the National Board of Directors of the Urban League, Junior Achievement, the National Executive Board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Rotary Club, and the Economic Club of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Mr. Herenton is a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow and the recipient of the Horatio Alger Award and honorary doctorates from both Rhodes College and Christian Brothers College; and

WHEREAS, Willie Herenton 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 Willie W. Herenton 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.