

HOUSE RESOLUTION 35

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sheriff Floyd Bonner, Jr., 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 Sheriff Floyd Bonner, Jr., 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 Hillcrest High School, Sheriff Bonner holds an associate degree in psychology from Jackson State Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis; he attended the Police Leadership Graduate Program at the University of Louisville, during which time he was recognized as a Dean's Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Bonner began his career in law enforcement with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff; he served in the Uniformed Patrol Division and the Narcotics Division, where he attained the rank of Sergeant and later Lieutenant; he was then promoted to Captain, serving as the Commander of Patrol Services, the Narcotics Bureau, and Internal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he was promoted to Inspector and served as the Commander of Patrol Support Services; in 2010, he was appointed Assistant Chief Deputy, and in 2015, he was appointed Chief Deputy, before becoming the first African American elected as Sheriff of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Bonner 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 Sheriff Floyd Bonner, Jr., 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.