

HOUSE RESOLUTION 44

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Wiley Henry upon his receipt of the Living Legends Leadership 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 Wiley Henry, who received the Living Legends Leadership 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 the Memphis College of Art with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Advertising Design, Mr. Henry has worked tirelessly for the benefit of his community as a journalist and artist; and

WHEREAS, Wiley Henry served as a journalist and deputy editor at *The New Tri-State Defender*, where he spent over thirty years covering a variety of subject matter and was hailed as one of the newspaper's top reporters and editors; he also served as senior writer for the Carter Malone Group and now writes for *The Tennessee Tribune*; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, he has participated in the Real Men Read program and the Artists-in-the-Schools programs in Memphis and Jackson and judged numerous art competitions; he served as vice president of the Black Arts Alliance and the Memphis Black Music Association and as a board member for the Memphis Juneteenth Urban Music Festival and for U Be A Better You (UBABY); and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards, Mr. Henry is a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award in 2000; the Memphis Living Legends award in 2009; the Lifetime Achievement Award

presented at the 22nd Annual Stone Awards in 2017; and the Civil Rights Humanitarian "EBEN" Award in 2017; he was selected as *The Tennessee Tribune's* "Man of the Year" in 2018; and

WHEREAS, he is also a recipient of the 2002 Lincoln University award for excellence in journalism; the Philip Randolph Messenger Awards national winner for excellence in journalism in 2001; and the Society of Professional Journalists – Mid-South Pro Chapter winner in 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2001; and

WHEREAS, Wiley Henry 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 Wiley Henry 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.