

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the members of the Dirty Dozen Men's Organization for their exemplary service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should specially recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are comprised of concerned citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its endeavors is the Dirty Dozen Men's Organization; and

WHEREAS, founded in August of 1996, the Dirty Dozen Men's Organization is a local, non-profit organization composed of men who are devoted to improving their community through fellowship, goodwill, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring awareness to the serious issue of gang violence in Nashville, the Dirty Dozen joined with several local ministers and public officials to organize the "Peace in the Streets" project to encourage gangs to cease the wide spread violence plaguing "Music City"; and

WHEREAS, these committed civic leaders have distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order by graciously donating their time, talents, and financial resources to assist numerous worthy organizations and individuals, including the Boys and Girls Club at Moses McKissack Elementary School, the Boys and Girls Club at Andrew Jackson Elementary School, the C.T.J. Smith Fund, the Pearl-Cohn High School's "I Have a Future Program," the May 2010 flood victims, and the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and each year they join together to provide treasured Christmas presents for the children of underprivileged families; and

WHEREAS, always striving to be a positive influence in the lives of young people, the members of the Dirty Dozen have been involved with the Beyond Jena Organization, conducted Let's Talk sessions at several local schools, and tutored students at Brick Church Middle School and Maplewood and Cane Ridge High School and through a variety of programs, including Project C and Michael Baiden's Mentor Program; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage the next generation of Tennesseans to become active participants in community service, the Dirty Dozen Men's Organization established the Junior Dirty Dozen; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, the Dirty Dozen Men's Organization has received numerous honors for their tremendous efforts, including awards from the Patterson United Methodist Church and the Metropolitan County Council; and

WHEREAS, the members of this illustrious association include Avery Patton, Antoine Lane, Kenny Bass, Marcus Hampton, Lamont Stone, Rico Page, Adrian Petty, B.T. Bryant, Thomas Sherrell, Billy Wilson, Brian Ward, Clarence Wells, Cal Easley, Calvin Peters, Charles Brooks, Jay Morris, Dorris Patton, Jr., Earl Lyons, Ed Wisdom, Emery Ward, Eric Marks, Eric Baxter, Geno Dunlap, Herschel Jordan, James Hunter, Jay-Jay Wiseman, James Marshall, Keith Patton, Ken Taylor, Leroy Dallas, Michael Mootry, Bernard Hobson, Steve Hunter, T.C. Cope, Terrence Harris, Thomas Hobson, Tim Jones, Tim Hall, Tim Smith, Tony Holbert, Travis Frierson, Troy Logan, Jermaine Ware, Rodney Anderson, and Tim Miller, each of whom have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, as befits their sterling reputation earned through numerous years of dedicated public service, the members of the Dirty Dozen have donated countless hours to making Nashville a better place for all to work and live; and

WHEREAS, the members of this laudable organization are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be especially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize the members of The Dirty Dozen Men's Organization for their unsurpassed tradition of exemplary service to the good people of Nashville and this great State and extend to them our best wishes for every success in all of their 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.