

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 646

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coleman Thompson of Memphis for his contributions to his community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Coleman Thompson, a highly respected member of his community who has dedicated himself to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to completing his Associate of Science degree in Business Management at Shelby State Community College in August 1988, Mr. Thompson demonstrated academic acumen as an economic development student at State Technical Institute and a Bachelor of Science degree candidate; he has also completed various certifications, including business consultant certification, Professional School of Realtors certification, choice theory certification, and gambling addiction certification; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson's varied work experience gave him the necessary skills to succeed in his thirteen-year career with the Federal Express Corporation from 1984 to 1997; he served the company in various capacities, including as a team leader of hub operations and a storekeeper for airline technical stores; and

WHEREAS, in May 1991, Mr. Thompson founded the Pyramid Recovery Center, a community-based program designed to solve the social and economic issues facing youth and families, which he continues to serve as executive director; and

WHEREAS, he went on to found the Patrick Grapevine D.U.I. Institute in September 2005, which provides education and coping mechanisms for individuals who have faced driver

license revocation for driving while under the influence of intoxicating substances; Mr. Thompson continues to serve the organization as president and chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with his organizations, Mr. Thompson serves as manager of substance abuse with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, a position he has held since October 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has also served on the boards of various organizations; he is vice president of the board of governors for Memphis Health Center and former vice president of the board of governors for Harbor House Treatment Center; he is a former board member of the Family Home Health Agency, which he currently serves as account executive; he is a board member of the Disproportionate Minority Task Force; and he serves on the board of directors for Friends of T.O. Fuller State Park; and

WHEREAS, a member of the downtown division of the Kiwanis Club of Memphis, Mr. Thompson also served as executive producer for the Heal The Hood Foundation of Memphis Musical Film; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson has served his community for more than thirty years as a small business owner and as a public servant; he works hard to sustain the connection between local government and local business and has demonstrated commitment to public safety, increased healthcare programs, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Coleman Thompson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly acknowledge and applaud Mr. Thompson for his dedication to the City of Memphis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Coleman Thompson for his thirty years of

contribution to his community and the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.