

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 749

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A RESOLUTION to commend and honor Cotton Stevenson for his admirable contributions to his community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those individuals 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 Cotton Stevenson, a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stevenson is a lecturer at San Jose State University (SJSU), where he previously served as an adjunct professor of mass communications; prior to his tenure at SJSU, he was an adjunct professor at Miami Ad School and the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to academic excellence, Cotton Stevenson obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Art at the University of Memphis in 1976, a Master of Science degree in Mass Communications at SJSU in 2014, and a Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at SJSU in 2016; and

WHEREAS, determined to make a positive impact in his community, Mr. Stevenson created Diversity Day at SJSU in 2014; it has since become an annual event; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, he wrote, directed, produced, and served as a cameraman for *San Jose State, Diversity University*, the first documentary of its kind at SJSU, and he wrote, directed, and co-produced *Peace by Piece*; in 2018, he wrote, directed, produced, and served as a cameraman for *IN THE HEIGHTS* and *STAND*; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Cotton Stevenson received the prestigious Committee to Enhance Equity and Diversity (CEED) Award from SJSU in 2016 in

recognition of his exemplary efforts in promoting and fostering a deeper understanding of equity and diversity at SJSU and in the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Stevenson for his many accomplishments and devoted work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Cotton Stevenson for his admirable efforts to serve his fellow citizens and extend to him our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.