

HOUSE RESOLUTION 6

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kirk Whalum on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*.

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, on December 31, 2012, Kirk Whalum was recognized as one of *The Commercial Appeal's* "12 Who Made a Difference" for his tireless commitment to improving lives in the Greater Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, over the last two years, Mr. Whalum has served with acumen and alacrity as chief creative officer of The Soulsville Foundation and its three subsidiaries – the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, Stax Music Academy, and the Soulsville Charter School; and

WHEREAS, prior to this position, he served as artist in residence and chief executive officer of the foundation; and

WHEREAS, an award-winning jazz saxophonist, Kirk Whalum has released more than a dozen albums, performed with notable musicians such as Whitney Houston, Al Green, and Luther Vandross, and has received numerous honors, such as twelve Grammy nominations and the 2011 Grammy for best gospel song, "It's What I Do"; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Kirk Whalum takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Kirk Whalum, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Kirk Whalum on being named a 2012 "12 Who Made a Difference" by *The Commercial Appeal*, thank him for all he has done to make Memphis and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.