

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 968

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ron Stroupe upon receiving the White House Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award.

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

WHEREAS, Ron Stroupe, an esteemed resident of White House, is the 2010 winner of the White House Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, born in Asheville, North Carolina, Mr. Stroupe moved to Tennessee in 1968 to pursue a career in the music business; he worked for nineteen years with various country music artists, traveling all over the world and playing on the world-famous Grand Ole Opry; and

WHEREAS, after becoming a Christian in 1977, Mr. Stroupe took his life in a new direction; he began serving the Trinity Fellowship Church in 1985, first as Associate Pastor and then as Senior Pastor; and

WHEREAS, an experienced and highly-respected leader, in the mid-1990s, Mr. Stroupe became involved in the HOPE ministry of White House, resigning from Trinity Fellowship in 2003 to become its Director; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Mr. Stroupe and the many volunteers of the HOPE Center, the ministry has grown into a successful clothing, household, and furniture ministry and a thriving food bank ministry; and

WHEREAS, beyond his civic involvement and professional achievements, Ron Stroupe has won the admiration of the people of White House because of his tremendous commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, he is grateful for the loving companionship of his wife, Dottie Jones Stroupe, and their daughter, Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, the greater White House community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Ron Stroupe; 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 Mr. Stroupe who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ron Stroupe for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in White House; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Ron Stroupe upon receiving the White House Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, commend his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

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