

HOUSE RESOLUTION 44

By Miller

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Stanley "Cam Mtenzi" Campbell for his many contributions to Memphis and Shelby County.

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

WHEREAS, one such devoted individual is Stanley "Cam Mtenzi" Campbell, a community activist, humanitarian, and leader in the City of Memphis, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Campbell has held a deep passion for Memphis, and his heart is for the community; his concerns grew beyond just Memphis, and his ideologies found their way from throughout Tennessee to Texas, Arkansas, Georgia, California, Oklahoma, Kentucky, New York, Illinois, and across the ocean to Cairo, Egypt, and South Africa; and

WHEREAS, an ardent community leader, Mr. Campbell has organized several events to help inner-city youth through art, as well as to prevent crimes against elderly citizens, homeless transients, women, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, he established a program that would feed, clothe, and provide resources to homeless citizens; it would also procure shelter for those in need or transition, particularly during summer and winter months; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Mr. Campbell established the Annual Stone "EBEN" Awards, an awards gala that would recognize community activist leaders, trailblazers, pioneers, icons, and philanthropists who paved the way in building a stronger foundation for the world, and in 2019,

the City of Memphis council officials deemed the month of October the "Stone Awards Month";  
and

WHEREAS, for Mr. Campbell's important community efforts, the Memphis City Council recognized Thanksgiving Day as "Forgotten Souls" day, a day intended to feed and clothe the homeless community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell introduced the Colors Uniting Representing Each Stone (C.U.R.E.S.) and Rise of 300 Moral Leaders campaigns as additions to the annual Stone Awards mission; the initiatives aim to unify all awareness causes and moral leaders under one movement for rebuilding, strengthening, and creating a moral transformation in society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell also opened the House of Mtenzi Museum to educate the community on anti-bullying, African-American history, and overcoming obstacles to become better moral citizens; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Campbell received honorary Operation Stand Down Military Veteran Awards in 2017, 2019, and 2020; he has also been honored with the Leadership Memphis Award, the Memphis City Council Meritorious Award, the Linda Faye Cancer Awareness Non-Profit Award, the Beale Street Development Corporation Making a Difference Award, the *Cover Star* Man of the Year Award, and the *OPM* Servant Award; and

WHEREAS, he has received several official recognitions from representatives, mayors, and council members for his laudable service; he was awarded the Keys to the City of West Memphis and Memphis, and on November 2, 2015, Mr. Campbell was presented the Key to Shelby County, most befitting honors that recognize his exceptional service as a community leader; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many worthy endeavors, Stanley Campbell has served as a role model for the citizens of Memphis and Shelby County, and he is a shining example of how one person can contribute greatly to improving the lives of others in his community; and

WHEREAS, Stanley "Cam Mtenzi" Campbell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized for his many accomplishments and devoted service to his friends and neighbors in Shelby County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Stanley "Cam Mtenzi" Campbell for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Memphis and extend to him our best wishes for 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.