

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1328

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the thirty-seventh anniversary of the Africa in April Cultural Awareness Festival.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to salute those exemplary events that bring great honor and acclaim to Tennessee and serve to enrich the cultural fabric of this great State; and

WHEREAS, the Africa in April Cultural Awareness Festival is one such estimable event, which will celebrate its thirty-seventh anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, from April 19 to April 21, 2024, Memphians and people from across the South will gather at Robert R. Church Park on world-famous Beale Street to celebrate this laudable event; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to share the enriching experience, unifying power, and sheer joy of cultural exchange, Africa in April features several days of cultural diversity through the exhibition of ethnic music, education, economics, history, fashion, cuisine, arts, and crafts, for both adults and children; and

WHEREAS, Africa in April enhances the lives of everyone in the community by providing an avenue for community leaders and organizations, government officials, students, the elderly, businesses, and religious organizations to learn more about the accomplishments of Africans and African Americans; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Republic of Gambia will be showcased from an international perspective through a multiplicity of mediums, highlighting the African nation's many feats, unique customs, and rich history; and

WHEREAS, for the past thirty-seven years, Africa in April has inspired, entertained, and educated thousands, and as one of the finest cultural attractions in Shelby County and all of the South, it should be properly recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize the thirty-seventh anniversary of the Africa in April Cultural Awareness Festival and honor and congratulate the organizers, sponsors, and participants of this outstanding event for their contributions to the expansion of the cultural horizon of this State.

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.