

HOUSE RESOLUTION 194

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Christopher Clark of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is our pleasure to salute those citizens who have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Christopher Clark, a sixteen-year-old student at Stax Music Academy in Memphis who plans to study music education in college; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was featured on *Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways* on December 12, 2019, in a segment with Ellen DeGeneres and Memphis's own Justin Timberlake; Mr. Timberlake had previously visited Stax Music Academy and told Mr. Clark he was going to be a superstar; and

WHEREAS, on the show, Christopher Clark was stunned to receive an invitation to attend the 2020 Grammy Awards, a full scholarship to attend Grammy Camp in the summer of 2020, and \$50,000, which he plans to save for his college education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clark and his classmates then had the opportunity to perform Otis Redding's hit, "Soul Man," on *Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways*; and

WHEREAS, Stax Music Academy was also recognized by Ellen DeGeneres and Justin Timberlake with a gift of \$250,000, which Executive Director Pat Mitchell Worley says will go towards the school's \$1 million fundraising goal for its twentieth anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Clark is a talented musician with the desire to use his gift to the best of his ability, and he is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend and

congratulate Christopher Clark on his appearance on *Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways* and extend to him our best wishes for every 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.