

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 932

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Robert Bates of the Lebanon Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should salute those extraordinary Tennesseans who, through their remarkable and exceptional efforts, have gone above and beyond the call of duty by dedicating their lives to protecting the citizens of this State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bates of the Lebanon Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, after enjoying a decorated and distinguished career, Robert Bates took his much-deserved retirement in June 2023; and

WHEREAS, a 1993 graduate of Mount Juliet High School, Mr. Bates attended Walters State Basic Police Recruit School in 1998; he began his laudable career in law enforcement as a member of the Wilson County Sheriff's Office, where he served from 1998 until 2000; and

WHEREAS, after joining the Lebanon Police Department in January 2000, Robert Bates served in a variety of assignments, including patrol, traffic, and motor officer, accident reconstruction, and K9; and

WHEREAS, he attended DUI Instructor, Drug Recognition Expert, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Interdiction Plus schools, among a number of other training and development courses for K9, child safety, and crash investigation and reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bates received a Narcotics K9 Certification in 2019 and a Field Training Officer Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Richard Bates earned several honors and accolades, including the 2014 Life Saving Award and the United States Police Canine Association 2023 Recognition for Outstanding K9 Performance of Detector and Prevention of Crime; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-three years of service at the Lebanon Police Department with a total of twenty-five-years in public service, Robert Bates proved himself time and again to be a tremendous asset to the department and his community; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Bates enjoys the love and support of his wife of twenty-one years, Emy Bates; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bates exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Bates demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow officers and a grateful public; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge Robert Bates for his dedication and service to the citizens of Wilson County and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Robert Bates on his exemplary career with the Lebanon Police Department and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

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.