

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lieutenant Chris Euman of the City of Erin Fire Department for his heroism in responding to a residential fire.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of public service as firefighters, facing the rigors of corporal imperilment in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Chris Euman of the City of Erin Fire Department is one such outstanding public servant, who rescued a woman from a residential fire on March 5, 2013, thereby saving her life; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, he and fellow firefighter Captain Dustin Sinclair reverted to their training in two-man engine company operations and saved the life of Ms. Rose Black; and

WHEREAS, during the incident size-up, Captain Sinclair learned there were two people still in the residence on the second floor. One victim, Ms. Black, almost succumbed to super-heated smoke and toxic gases while trying to escape through a window; and

WHEREAS, quickly transitioning from fire suppression duties to rescue, Captain Sinclair called for a ladder, Lieutenant Euman laddered the building, and they went to the roof of an addition to reach Ms. Black and brought her down the ladder, as the fire extended from the first floor, out of the residence, toward them; and

WHEREAS, due to the extreme conditions in the residence, Lieutenant Euman, suffering from smoke inhalation, was ordered to stand down; and

WHEREAS, despite the danger, Lieutenant Euman responded calmly and efficiently in accordance with his training, and his quick actions allowed him to save Ms. Rose Black's life; and

WHEREAS, Chief Daniel Warren has recommended Lieutenant Chris Euman for the Medal of Valor with a Life Saving commendation; and

WHEREAS, outstanding in the line of duty, Lieutenant Euman is a citizen of whom the Volunteer State is most proud, and he should be recognized for his heroic act; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lieutenant Chris Euman of the City of Erin Fire Department for his heroism in rescuing Ms. Rose Black from a fire on March 5, 2013. We recognize him as a paragon of virtue, efficiency, and professionalism, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

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