

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 262

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Captain Belinda N. Lewis upon her selection as the Education and Training Officer of the Year.

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

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Captain Belinda N. Lewis, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Captain Belinda Lewis has been selected as the Education and Training Officer of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes her dedication as an instructor and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Captain Lewis proudly serves as the director of education and training of the Tennessee Wing, in which position her passion for learning and desire to mentor others make her a remarkable leader; and

WHEREAS, before the Civil Air Patrol launched a new education and training program, Captain Lewis developed a hybrid squadron leadership school for the wing, which she served as a beta test course director and qualified instructor for both in-person and online courses; and

WHEREAS, a devoted leader in her profession and community, Captain Lewis organized a twelve-week virtual course that included students and instructors from national staff and seven regions and improved accessibility for those who could not attend in-person courses; and

WHEREAS, to help facilitate member education and training, Captain Lewis volunteered to serve on the Tennessee Wing conference committee for more than five years, becoming actively involved in planning and implementing the program event; and

WHEREAS, Captain Lewis completed several specialty tracks, and she received Master ratings in health services, communications, logistics, personnel, administration, and education and training; she holds Senior ratings in cadet programs and inspector general specialties and Technician ratings in safety, emergency services, finance, and command; and

WHEREAS, she has since mentored eight members through their respective specialty track ratings; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her many accomplishments as an instructional leader, Captain Lewis has been involved as the assistant inspector general of the Tennessee Wing, her duty assignments including director of logistics and assistant personnel officer; and

WHEREAS, Captain Belinda Lewis epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Captain Lewis for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; 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 hereby honor and congratulate Captain Belinda N. Lewis on being chosen as the Education and Training Officer of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the good people of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.