

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 317

By Rogers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sergeant Jody Benjamin Sadek.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's safety and welfare, 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 in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jody Benjamin Sadek was one such noteworthy individual who made immeasurable contributions to his community as a Hendersonville Police Officer and who exhibited superior standards of professional conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sadek was killed on September 20, 1988, in a motorcycle accident while attempting to catch up to a traffic violator; his police motorcycle struck the back of a truck, causing fatal injuries; and

WHEREAS, Jody Sadek served with valor and distinction with the Hendersonville Police Department for four years; he was survived by his wife, parents, and four sisters; and

WHEREAS, this ultimate sacrifice should not go unnoted nor unremembered, for in giving their lives in the line of duty these valiant officers are perpetuating and preserving the very ideals that make American democracy a beacon of light around the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 alone, 128 U.S. law enforcement officers died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Hendersonville understand the importance of keeping alive the memory and accomplishments of these dedicated professionals, and each year the Hendersonville Police Department hosts a Police Memorial Service to honor these fallen officers and the communities they have so proudly served; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Hendersonville Police Memorial Service will be held at the Hendersonville Church of Christ on May 13; and

WHEREAS, while they honor the memory of their fallen brothers, the citizens and police officers of Hendersonville will also be paying tribute to all American law enforcement officers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those law enforcement officers who have dedicated themselves to protecting and serving their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jody Sadek was wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; he left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of valiant Hendersonville Police Sergeant Jody Benjamin Sadek, noting his meritorious service and ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

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