

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 360

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor Chief Warrant Officer John Taylor on the occasion of his retirement from the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer John Taylor has served the Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) with distinction for thirty-five years in nearly all the capacities for which the sheriff is responsible, including jail facilities and administration; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor is taking a much-deserved retirement from his duties; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, John Taylor was appointed as DCSO's first Chief of Staff, in which position he oversaw the Civil Warrants Division, Correctional Services Division, Fleet Division, Community Outreach/Community Relations, and SAAFE programs; and

WHEREAS, he has most recently served as Chief Warrant Officer and DCSO's legislative liaison to the General Assembly and the Metro Nashville Council; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor previously served as a member of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team and president of the Tennessee Warrant Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, a native Nashvillian, John Taylor is a graduate of Battle Ground Academy and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), from which he received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration and his associate's degree in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, he also attended Nashville School of Law and completed graduate work at Tennessee State University and MTSU; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor gives back to his community as a member of Leadership Donelson-Hermitage and the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, the latter of which he served as president in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer John Taylor exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career with DCSO, John Taylor has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his superiors and colleagues alike and a grateful public as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Chief Warrant Officer John Taylor our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors as he leaves the Davidson County Sheriff's Office for greener pastures.

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.