

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 404

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mike Gladney upon being named 2008 Dispatcher of the Year for the State of Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Mike Gladney of Lawrenceburg, who was recently named 2008 Dispatcher of the Year by the Tennessee Department of Safety (TDOS); and

WHEREAS, each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators; National Public Safety Telecommunications Week honors the thousands of men and women around the country who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to residents; and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen has proclaimed the second week of April as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Tennessee, and the Department of Safety is celebrating this occasion by honoring the Department's more than eighty dispatchers working across the state; and

WHEREAS, there are eight dispatcher supervisors and seventy-six dispatchers currently working for the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP), and in 2008, they handled more than 340,000 emergency and non-emergency calls for service; and

WHEREAS, in reflecting upon the important service performed by this state's dispatchers, THP Colonel Mike Walker said, "These men and women illustrate the true meaning

of dedication and professionalism. They work around the clock, all year long, to support our officers in the field and help keep the public safe."; and

WHEREAS, a 2008 Dispatcher of the Year was named for each of the Tennessee Highway Patrol's eight districts; in addition to being named Dispatcher of the Year from District 7, Mike Gladney was also named the statewide 2008 Dispatcher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, this outstanding gentleman has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of emergency professionals, his community, and a grateful public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gladney epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mike Gladney for his dedication to the citizens of this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mike Gladney upon being named 2008 Dispatcher of the Year for the State of Tennessee. We commend him for his meritorious service and unparalleled professionalism and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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