

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 571

By Grills

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Doug DeSpain, Dyersburg Fire Department Firefighter of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly honor those individuals who, during the course of their duties, endeavor to protect the lives of their fellow citizens, braving great dangers and putting themselves at risk to save others; and

WHEREAS, Doug DeSpain is one such individual, who was recently named the 2020 Firefighter of the Year by the Dyersburg Fire Department in recognition of his exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeSpain has served as a Dyersburg firefighter since September 3, 2016; during his tenure, he has proven himself to be a tremendous asset to the department, responding deftly to fire/medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, and other emergency situations, and also working with young people in the classroom, teaching them, among other things, how to escape a house fire; and

WHEREAS, the Firefighter of the Year award is presented to the one individual of any rank who best exemplifies the positive characteristics of the fire service and who has a notable record of service and achievements, an individual who has given selflessly in support of the department, the fire service in general, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Doug DeSpain most assuredly fits this description and was thus selected by his fellow members of the Dyersburg Fire Department, a testament to his dedication, loyalty, productivity, and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize Mr. DeSpain for his dedication to personal excellence and his receipt of this distinguished honor; 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 congratulate Doug DeSpain of the Dyersburg Fire Department upon being named Firefighter of the Year, commend him for his service to the people of Dyersburg, and extend our best wishes for continued success in all 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.