

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 642

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A RESOLUTION to honor Sergeant First Class Michael King,
Tennessee National Guard, on the occasion of
his retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a true patriot who has proudly served the United States of America and the State of Tennessee with selfless devotion to duty for twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Michael King has rendered exceptional and meritorious service in the Tennessee National Guard, concluding with his position as the chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear noncommissioned officer in charge (CBRN NCOIC) of the 45th Civil Support Team; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Sergeant First Class King distinguished himself by his singular performance in positions of ever-increasing responsibility, starting as an enlisted survey team member; then as CBRN team chief; after which he became unit training noncommissioned officer; and culminating in his selection to the position of CBRN NCOIC; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class King was instrumental in the implementation of the mobile field kit—a tactical situational awareness tool providing sensor integration and powerful collaboration tools to increase efficacy of the team and mission effectiveness—and NG-CRE Information Management System (NG CIMS) within the survey section; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class King is responsible for the 45th Civil Support Team (CST) now having mission essential life safety equipment data shared with other CSTs, CBRN Enhanced Response Force Packages, and Homeland Response Forces on the NG CIMS common operating picture platform; and

WHEREAS, in his pinnacle position as CBRN NCOIC, Sergeant First Class King worked tirelessly to ensure that the life safety of his troops, who served in dangerous and physically demanding conditions, was of the utmost concern, and the team was lauded for its unblemished safety record with no significant injuries to personnel under his superior leadership; and

WHEREAS, his professionalism, candor, and knowledge carried over to the leadership of his section by ensuring they were prepared to respond to any request, whether field employment or training; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class King's support to other organizations through training, assistance, and expertise on survey techniques, tactics, and procedures has been an invaluable asset as part of the unit's outreach and education program throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, while assigned to the 45th CST, Sergeant First Class King displayed himself as a consummate professional through his actions, and his long-standing commitment to his team, his community, and this State has been exemplary; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class King's obedience to duty and selfless devotion to the men and women of the 45th CST set the standard for all to emulate, and his distinguished career reflects credit upon himself, the Tennessee National Guard, and the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-three years with the Tennessee National Guard, Sergeant First Class Michael King has set a standard for superior leadership and personal excellence that we would all do well to emulate; 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 honor Sergeant First Class Michael King, Tennessee National Guard, for his meritorious service with the 45th Civil Support Team and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

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.