

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 680

By Carringer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Deputy Tucker Blakely of the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Deputy Tucker Blakely of the Knox County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, upon responding to a call in West Knox County, Deputy Tucker Blakely was critically injured and gave his life in the line of duty on October 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in his twenty-nine years, Deputy Blakely possessed a strong work ethic and a positive attitude, and his last day on Earth mirrored every work day before it in that he was faithfully protecting and serving the good citizens of Knoxville to the best of his considerable abilities; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Tucker Blakely was born in 1994 and graduated from Powell High School; he was a 2021 graduate of the Knox County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Academy, and he had been selected recently to become a K-9 officer; and

WHEREAS, a proud veteran of the United States Army, Deputy Blakely served as a reservist and combat medic until March of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Tucker Blakely was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife, Katarina Blakely, and five-year-old son, Hendrik Blakely; his parents, Mary and Tim Blakely, Sr.; his brothers, T.J. (Jessica) Blakely, Jr., Tyler Blakely, and Dustin (Madison) and baby Blakely; his nephew, Bo Blakely; sisters-in-law, Sabine, Gabriela, and Tatiana; many nieces and nephews, Rosemarie, Daniel, Johnny, and Susan; his grandmothers, Betty Anne and Carolyn; his parents-in-law, Tanja and Daniel Alexander; and his Knox County Sheriff's Office Echo Shift family; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Blakely leaves 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; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Deputy Tucker Blakely of the Knox County Sheriff's Office, reflecting fondly upon his enduring legacy as a dedicated law enforcement officer who lost his life while proudly serving his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Deputy Blakely.

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.