

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 701

By Russell

A RESOLUTION to recognize Captain Victor G. Donoho on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Victor G. Donoho is one such estimable person, who has served the good people of this State with distinction and the greatest integrity as the assistant commissioner of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security and will soon be taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious career with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security as a road trooper with the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) in 1989, winning promotions to sergeant, lieutenant, and captain during his twenty-six years with the THP; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Victor Donoho served in the Executive Protection Unit, providing security to Governor Ned McWherter and other dignitaries as assigned; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, he was promoted to sergeant in the Executive Protection Unit and continued to serve on the protection detail of newly elected Governor Don Sundquist until December 1998; and

WHEREAS, from January until December of 1999, Mr. Donoho undertook a one-year assignment with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Officer Leadership Program in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to Tennessee, he was promoted to lieutenant and served as the Director of Planning and Research for the Tennessee Highway Patrol before transferring to his home district in Cookeville as a Troop Lieutenant in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, he was selected to serve as the Administrative Lieutenant for the Cookeville District during the administration of Governor Phil Bredesen and in 2007, was promoted to captain of the newly created Office of Professional Responsibility, formerly known as Internal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Victor Donoho was chosen to lead the largest THP District, Nashville, in 2009, and in 2011, he was requested by the administration of Governor Bill Haslam to lead the newly created Inspectional Services Bureau (ISB), which consisted of Internal Affairs and the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with ISB, he oversaw the national reaccreditation of the THP and the first accreditation of a State agency with the newly established Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation, which supports and endorses the continued improvement of law enforcement services by establishing professional standards of accountability; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mr. Donoho was named the director of the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, which was formerly known as the Governor's Highway Safety Office and was previously housed within the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, he was promoted to Assistant Commissioner with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, responsible for the oversight of five of the department's administrative divisions; and

WHEREAS, Victor Donoho is a graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute, LEAD Tennessee, and Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command; he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Union University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Victor Donoho has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Donoho's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Victor Donoho has been a public servant of the highest caliber, and his retirement from State government will create a void that will not be easily filled; his considerable talents and presence will be sorely missed by not only the Department of Safety and Homeland Security but also the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure, Victor Donoho has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public alike, and he should be specially recognized; 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 Captain Victor G. Donoho for his meritorious service with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service to the people of this State, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling 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.