

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 727

By Butler

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Chief Earl "Teddy" Bales of Wartburg on the occasion of his retirement from the Wartburg Police Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize an outstanding law enforcement officer who has protected and served his community with commitment and courage; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Police Earl "Teddy" Bales of the Wartburg Police Department is one such courageous public servant, who will take his well-deserved retirement after forty-seven years in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Chief Bales began his illustrious career in law enforcement, and over his time with the police force, he quickly displayed an impressive sense of leadership and expertise that would only grow as he spent several years of service devoted to the city and its public; and

WHEREAS, Chief Bales always sought to earn the respect and admiration of colleagues, and his presence in the Wartburg Police Department will be missed and recalled with fondness; and

WHEREAS, for forty-seven years, Chief Bales has helped hold the thin blue line that keeps our society safe and orderly, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; 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 and commend Chief of Police Earl "Teddy" Bales on his exemplary career with the Wartburg Police Department 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.