

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 762

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Silent Witness program to prevent domestic violence and ameliorate the occurrence of domestic violence-related homicides.

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that has no boundaries; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime;

and

WHEREAS, the Silent Witness program, founded in 1990, has made a powerful national and global impact against domestic violence homicides; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Silent Witness program is to promote peace, healing, and responsibility in adult relationships in order to eliminate domestic violence murders; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Silent Witness program include: remembering the women, children, and men who were murdered subsequent to domestic violence, raising awareness worldwide of the extent of domestic violence, and advocating for successful programs for ending such violence; and

WHEREAS, the Silent Witness program provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that this legislative body pause in its proceedings to recognize and consider the deleterious and far-reaching effects of domestic violence on Tennesseans, the victims of which are often women and young children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the work of the Silent Witness program and honor this domestic violence prevention initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.