

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 899

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Captain Derrick Ryan Webb on his posthumous receipt of the Three Stars of Tennessee Award.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is honored to be the home of thousands of valiant men and women who serve as firefighters, proudly donning the uniform and vowing to protect and serve the citizenry of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual was Captain Derrick Ryan Webb of the Hardy's Chapel Volunteer Fire Department #2103, who will be posthumously honored for his service with a Three Stars of Tennessee Award on Wednesday, September 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Safety and Homeland Security annually presents the Three Stars of Tennessee Award to Tennessee's most courageous and dedicated first responders from across the State who suffered career-ending injuries or were killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2018, Captain Webb fell ill while preparing a training drill at the fire station and was later found unresponsive; despite the heroic efforts of his father and other emergency personnel, he did not survive; and

WHEREAS, born in Cookeville on August 11, 1986, Captain Derrick Webb was the proud son of Chief Henry Webb and Anna Hooks Webb, the devoted brother of Danny (Jessica) Webb, and the treasured uncle of Tyler Webb and Madilyn Webb; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his special friend, Kristy Peek, and her daughter, Kimberly Peek; his aunt, Marlene (Gary) Hardison; his uncle, Willard (Sharon) Willis; his cousins, Vance Tankersly, Melissa Tankersly, Spence Tankersly, Stephanie Tankersly, David Reed, Gage Willis, Jeffery Willis, and Cody Willis; and a host of extended family, dear friends, and fellow firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Captain Derrick Webb was preceded in death by his grandparents, Columbus and Eliza Mae Hooks and Margaret Willis; and

WHEREAS, Captain Webb was one of the rare few willing to put service above self, an exceptional citizen of this State who embodied the true spirit of Tennessee volunteerism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security in honoring the memory and legacy of Captain Derrick Ryan Webb, a Tennessee hero.

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