

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1071

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Sergeant Bill Moulton of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency on the occasion of his retirement.

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 public service, dedicating their time and efforts to protecting and improving the lives of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bill Moulton of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is one such estimable person who served with distinction for thirty-one years and recently took his well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moulton was a wildlife officer in Clay County for the entirety of his career, and he was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1997. For the last nine years, he worked with his partner, K-9 Chip, who also retired; the pair responded to calls throughout the region, joined in search or recovery efforts, and taught countless educational sessions and workshops; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bill Moulton conducted biological and law enforcement duties as a senior member of the Unified Dive Team and taught and assisted in a number of first responder trainings for local agencies; and

WHEREAS, as a field training officer, Sergeant Moulton ensured new officers received well-rounded training that met the agency's strict standards; he also conducted hunter, trapper, and boater education courses for interested students; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bill Moulton initiated Archery in the Schools and Fly-Fishing in the Schools programs in Clay County, and he partnered with the Friends of Dale Hollow Fish Hatchery to offer fly-fishing classes for all ages and two Free Fishing Day events in the area; he was also instrumental in the establishment of a well-stocked trapper education trailer; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Sergeant Bill Moulton was a 2017 recipient of the prestigious Governor's Award for his work in Clay County and the State as a first responder; he is also a five-time District Officer of the Year and has been named Region III Hunter Education Instructor of the Year, Regional Boating Officer of the Year, and Region III National Wild Turkey Federation Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he is grateful for the love and support he shares with his family, including his wife, Beth; his daughters, Megan Copas and Hayley Howard; and his father, Bill Moulton, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moulton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Sergeant Moulton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful public; 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 extend to Sergeant Bill Moulton of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

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.