

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1114

By Moody

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chief Jon Piercey for his courageous actions in the face of danger.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who perform above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, Jon Piercey, chief of the Three Star Volunteer Fire Department, acted bravely and promptly while responding to an accident that threatened human life, and he deserves proper recognition for his heroism during such ordeal; and

WHEREAS, Jon Piercey became a member of the Three Star Volunteer Fire Department on August 1, 1994, and since that fateful day, he has attended numerous training sessions to enhance his skills; and

WHEREAS, after being promoted to lieutenant on July 1, 1998, he continued his climb up the fire leadership ladder and was elected assistant fire chief on July 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Jon Piercey reached the zenith of fire service leadership when he was elected fire chief and assumed the office on July 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2013, the Three Star Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident involving injury; Chief Piercey responded directly to the scene and upon arrival, found a vehicle that had struck a tree with catastrophic impact, resulting in the driver being ejected from the vehicle and the vehicle catching fire; and

WHEREAS, the driver of the vehicle was lying next to the rapidly expanding fire that was engulfing the vehicle. Chief Piercey, realizing that the driver had no chance of survival if he remained there, disregarded his own safety to quickly move the driver to a location where he was no longer endangered by the fire; and

WHEREAS, ambulance personnel were then able to treat the driver's injuries and arrange for him to be loaded onto an aircraft and transported to a hospital; and

WHEREAS, Chief Piercey's bravery in the face of danger ensured that the driver had a fighting chance to survive; and

WHEREAS, Chief Piercey's performance in this instance was above and beyond the call of duty, and his heroic efforts bring great credit to himself, the Three Star Volunteer Fire Department, and the fire service as a whole; 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 honor and commend Chief Jon Piercey for his heroism in saving a person from a burning vehicle and offer our thanks for a difficult job well done.

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