

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1244

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Assistant Chief Tommy Walsh of the Brentwood Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Tommy Walsh of the Brentwood Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens and is taking his much-deserved retirement after nearly thirty-two years in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Walsh was a gifted athlete who earned a baseball scholarship to attend Austin Peay State University, where he received his bachelor's degree; prior to coming to Brentwood, he was a security officer at the Opryland theme park; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as a law enforcement officer, Assistant Chief Walsh was shot in the line of duty as he risked his own life to protect the life of a fellow officer during a bank robbery in May 2002; he endured six months of surgeries and complications before making a triumphant return to the Brentwood Police Department; and

WHEREAS, he was promoted to the rank of assistant chief in 2012 and has daily demonstrated his leadership, experience, and institutional knowledge to the men and women of the Brentwood Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Tommy Walsh exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Walsh is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Gidget Walsh, and his sons, Patrick and Peyton; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Assistant Chief Walsh has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues, his fellow officers, 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 honor and commend Assistant Chief Tommy Walsh upon the occasion of his retirement, extending our gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to the Brentwood Police Department and the residents of Williamson County and our best wishes for success in all 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.