

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1283

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Park Ranger Tanner Rich upon his receipt of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division's Star of Life Award.

WHEREAS, we are honored to recognize those citizens who respond to life-threatening situations with great courage and strength of character; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Park Ranger Tanner Rich of Byrdstown, who recently received the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division's Star of Life Award for his actions to assist and provide first aid to a severely injured woman at Lake Cumberland during the 2023 recreation season; and

WHEREAS, the Star of Life Award is presented to Corps employees or volunteers whose actions contribute to the prevention of injuries and fatalities on Corps lakes and public lands; and

WHEREAS, on Independence Day of last year, Ranger Tanner Rich responded to a distress call at Lake Cumberland and immediately sprang into action; maneuvering his patrol boat through congested waters, he moved from cove to cove for approximately twenty minutes before locating the severely injured person; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival at the scene, Ranger Rich displayed remarkable composure, taking swift measures to stabilize the injured person while providing comfort as she agonized in pain with an injured leg and hip sustained while water skiing; and

WHEREAS, with no cellular service, Ranger Tanner Rich communicated with Park Ranger Dylan Norton, who, in turn, communicated with Wayne County Dispatch to expedite the arrival of medical personnel; and

WHEREAS, after emergency medical support arrived on another boat and stabilized the injured woman, Ranger Rich directed the medical team to a secluded boat ramp close to the scene for expeditious transport on land to the nearest medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, Ranger Tanner Rich's quick thinking and compassionate action were invaluable in helping to bring about a positive outcome in a potentially deadly situation; and

WHEREAS, a faithful protector and servant of his community and this State, Park Ranger Tanner Rich performed his duties with the utmost capability and professionalism, and he is wholly deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate Park Ranger Tanner Rich upon his receipt of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division's Star of Life Award. We offer our sincerest gratitude for his exceptional service and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

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.