

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9007

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A RESOLUTION to honor those individuals who came to the aid of their fellow citizens during the Waverly flood.

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2021, one of the deadliest floods ever to hit Tennessee devastated the city of Waverly and portions of the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, the water rose rapidly across Humphreys, Dickson, Hickman, and Houston counties as torrential rains fell, with Humphreys County receiving a historic 17.06 inches of rain; and

WHEREAS, the city of Waverly suffered catastrophic flooding, with vast swaths of the community washed away in the flood waters, and twenty individuals lost their lives due to the rampaging water that reached an unprecedented level; and

WHEREAS, without hesitation or concern for their own safety, individual citizens quickly stepped up and joined with area first responders and emergency personnel to help their fellow Tennesseans in distress, selflessly making countless heroic efforts to rescue their neighbors from the flood waters; and

WHEREAS, as the good people of Waverly and the surrounding area begin to recover from this catastrophe and rebuild their homes and their lives, they are filled with gratitude for the many who risked their lives to prevent further damage and to save the lives of those in danger; and

WHEREAS, they are also grateful for and overwhelmed by the humanitarian efforts of the many businesses, charitable and civic organizations, churches, government agencies, and individuals who responded promptly and gave generously of their resources to help the good people of Waverly in their time of dire need; and

WHEREAS, it has been said that the human race is at its best when circumstances are at their worst; this adage is proven by the generous and compassionate manner in which the citizens of this great State and nation opened their hearts to the people of Waverly with emergency and medical assistance, moral and financial support, and, most importantly, love and understanding, during the recent flooding disaster in Waverly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and offer our appreciation and most sincere thanks to all the first responders, firefighters, healthcare personnel, law enforcement officers, missionary groups and churches, animal rescue groups, local, state, and federal agencies in the district, and corporations, individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies who provided professional assistance or humanitarian aid to the citizens of Waverly during the recent flood that raged through the community and the surrounding area. We extend our deepest appreciation to those heroic, everyday Tennesseans, who, in a moment of great peril, came to the aid and rescue of their neighbors and friends without hesitation; it is these unsung heroes who comprise the very heart of the Volunteer State.

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.