

HOUSE RESOLUTION 360

By Hulsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Officer Sean Cornett of the Kingsport Police Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Sean Cornett, who protected and served his fellow citizens as a law enforcement professional; and

WHEREAS, a fourteen-year veteran of the Kingsport Police Department, Sean Cornett had spent more than half of his career in law enforcement, eight years, as a student resource officer at Dobyns-Bennett High School; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cornett was a commanding presence physically, but he was also kind, generous, and thoughtful, and his most effective weapon was his smile; and

WHEREAS, whether making safety visits to area schools or working as a student resource officer, Sean Cornett took great pride in ensuring a safe environment for students and improving community relations; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cornett also enjoyed building relationships with students and talking to them on a personal level, his friendly demeanor and genuine concern emphasizing the positive aspects of police work; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cornett had also worked in patrol, community policing, and the traffic unit; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cornett passed away unexpectedly while on vacation in a foreign land; in a gesture of great love and respect, his body was escorted home from the airport by a cortege of fellow officers from the Kingsport Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and Sullivan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cornett was a graduate of Dobyys-Bennett High School, where he was a star athlete; he worked for the Eastman Chemical Company for a number of years before joining the Kingsport Police Department in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sean Cornett is survived by his loving sons, Tyrese and Tyson Cornett; his brothers, William Miller (Miranda) and Domingo Hale (Sarah); a stepdaughter, Danielle Miller; a granddaughter, Kelsi Brandon; his very special and devoted loved ones Melissa Campbell and Alijah Dunn; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his mother, Karen Schofield; father, William "Tito" Miller, Sr.; and both sets of grandparents; and

WHEREAS, Sean Cornett leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and loyalty as a policeman and compassion and kindness as a student resource officer; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember this exceptional law enforcement officer and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we celebrate the life of Officer Sean Cornett, even as we honor his memory and reflect fondly upon his impeccable character and dedicated service to his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Officer Cornett.

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