

HOUSE RESOLUTION 363

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Tennessee National Guard who have protected the State Capitol and legislative complex during recent protests.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant individuals who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of service in law enforcement as members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is also privileged to be served by the men and women of the Tennessee National Guard, who sacrifice their time and effort to ensure the well-being of their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, in the highest tradition of military service in our country, the patriotic men and women of the Tennessee National Guard serve voluntarily in helping their communities and their country in times of need; and

WHEREAS, members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Tennessee National Guard have proudly protected the State Capitol and legislative complex during recent protests, ensuring that protests remained peaceful; and

WHEREAS, the State Capitol is the property of the State's taxpayers, and it is imperative that it remain protected from vandalism; and

WHEREAS, a National Historic Landmark, the State Capitol is the home of the Tennessee General Assembly and houses the governor's office; and

WHEREAS, the grounds of the State Capitol contain statues honoring President Andrew Jackson and President Andrew Johnson as well as the tombs of President James K. Polk and First Lady Sarah Childress Polk; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Tennessee National Guard are dedicated to the common good, and it is fitting that we recognize them for protecting the State Capitol during this tumultuous time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Tennessee National Guard who have protected the State Capitol and the legislative complex during recent protests, extending our sincere gratitude for their efforts to protect the citizens and property of this State.

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