

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

By White

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chief Kevin Arnold upon his receipt of the 2018 Leadership Rutherford Pinnacle Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Chief Kevin Arnold, who was recently named the recipient of the 2018 Leadership Rutherford Pinnacle Award. Chief Arnold will be honored at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce's Business at its Best celebration on January 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Arnold graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration; a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Class 190, he has additionally completed a number of training programs, from basic police to command level supervision; and

WHEREAS, Chief Arnold began his career in law enforcement in 1979 with the Middle Tennessee State University Police Department as a student officer. After graduating, he accepted a position with the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office as a jailer and worked his way through the ranks as a deputy sheriff, narcotics detective, and general detective; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Chief Kevin Arnold joined the Smyrna Police Department as a patrol officer, again rising through the ranks of detective, sergeant, major, and assistant chief before becoming the chief of police on March 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Chief Kevin Arnold was named Officer of the Year by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office in 1985 and the Smyrna Police Department in 1991. In 2010, Chief Arnold was presented the Director's Choice Award by the

Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, recognizing him as the Police Chief of the Year for Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a respected and trusted leader, Chief Arnold served as president of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police in 2017 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, Chief Kevin Arnold epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his notable accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Lynn, and their two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Chief Kevin Arnold for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Rutherford County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chief Kevin Arnold upon his receipt of the 2018 Leadership Pinnacle Award and extend to him our best wishes for continued 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.