

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 102

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the Brentwood Police Department on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, from time to time, we recognize those police departments in this State that have, for many years, stood as bastions of law and order and beacons of dedicated service to the members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Police Department is one such stalwart organization that has, for fifty years, remained resolute in its purpose, that of protecting life and property, preventing crime, preserving the peace, and enforcing all laws and ordinances within the confines of its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Police Department was officially established by city government officials on February 1, 1971, when Chief Howard Buttrey was hired to oversee the department's development; for the first two months, he was the only employee; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a federal grant of \$40,000, Chief Buttrey hired three officers on April 1, 1971, and the Brentwood Police Department began full-time patrol of the city, assigning one officer to each of the day's three shifts; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the Brentwood Police Department was internationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and remains the most tenured agency in the State of Tennessee to be accredited; and

WHEREAS, today, the residents of Brentwood are served by a police department that consists of sixty-seven sworn officers, including one K9 patrol team, twelve 911 dispatchers, six administrative personnel, a mobile crime scene investigation unit, and a new headquarters building set to open this spring; and

WHEREAS, in the department's fifty-year history, the Brentwood Police Department has enjoyed the exemplary leadership and dedication of just three chiefs of police, Howard Buttrey, Ricky Watson, and current chief of police, Jeff Hughes; and

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Police Department remains wholly committed to serving the needs of the good people of Brentwood, protecting and serving the citizens while upholding the law and preserving the peace; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize this sterling police department and applaud its unwavering service to the City of Brentwood since the time of its founding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Brentwood Police Department, applauding its service to the community since its founding and extending our gratitude for the department's continued stalwart service to the law and the people.

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.