

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 105

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Marshall County Sheriff Leslie Walker Helton on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Helton is one such estimable person who served with distinction for forty-three years as a valued member of the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Helton took a much deserved retirement in 2010, upon the conclusion of an exceptional four decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rutherford County, Leslie Walker Helton graduated from Christiana High School; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Helton embarked upon his impressive career in law enforcement in 1967, joining the police force of Shelbyville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Helton joined the Tennessee State Highway Patrol soon thereafter, to which he dedicated his abilities and energies for twenty-three years until his retirement at the rank of Sergeant in 1990; and

WHEREAS, it was also in 1990, that the good people of Marshall County put their faith and trust in Leslie Walker Helton by electing him to serve as Marshall County Sheriff; during his tenure as Marshall County Sheriff, he committed himself and the faculties of his department to improving the lives of those living in Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Sheriff Helton enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Emma Jean Calahan Helton, and they are the proud parents of Tracie Helton Oechsel; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Helton exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Leslie Walker Helton has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Marshall County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Sheriff Leslie Walker Helton our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, applauding his many years of outstanding service to the good people of Tennessee.

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