

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 143

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Trooper Michael Sullivan upon being named 2014 Trooper of the Year.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women 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 volunteerism through service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Michael Sullivan is one such courageous public servant, who was named the 2014 Trooper of the Year by the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, a thirteen-year veteran of the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Trooper Sullivan is a member of the Jackson District; and

WHEREAS, he led the ten-county district in DUI arrests with 128, and he had the second highest number of impaired driving arrests statewide; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Sullivan is a member of the DUI task force working the midnight shift in Henderson County, where he has successfully arrested 155 individuals, including sixteen felony apprehensions; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, Trooper Michael Sullivan has investigated seventy-six crashes, conducted ninety-seven commercial motor vehicle inspections, and issued 1,117 citations for violations; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Sullivan epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Trooper Sullivan, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Trooper Michael Sullivan for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in the Tennessee Highway Patrol; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Trooper Michael Sullivan upon being named the 2014 Trooper of the Year by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, thank him for his meritorious service to the citizens of this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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