

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 386

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A RESOLUTION to recognize William Charles Kennedy of the Lebanon Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Officer William Charles Kennedy of the Lebanon Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, an officer with the Lebanon Police Department since 2010, Officer Kennedy is taking his well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Officer William Kennedy has served a total of thirty years in law enforcement, having been employed previously with the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office, for which he served from 1991 to 2010 in a variety of roles, including as deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and major and in the corrections, patrol, and school resource officer divisions as well as on the SWAT team; during his combined career with Rutherford County and Lebanon, he served as a defensive tactics instructor; and

WHEREAS, a 1987 graduate of Carlynton High School in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, Officer Kennedy earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Middle Tennessee State University and his master's degree in criminal justice from Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, Officer William Kennedy is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Melissa, and his son, Sean; and

WHEREAS, during his extensive career, Officer Kennedy has performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, helping his fellow citizens in any way that he could and proving himself time and again to be a tremendous asset to the Lebanon Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer William Kennedy exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Officer Kennedy has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Middle Tennessee; 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 Officer William Charles Kennedy of the Lebanon Police Department upon the occasion of his retirement and commend his many years of distinguished service, wishing him 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.