

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 403

By Gardenhire

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Fire Captain Brad Petty of the Chattanooga Fire Department for his heroic actions on March 6, 2021.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is blessed with firefighters who risk their personal safety, even their lives, to protect and serve their communities in times of disaster and crisis; and

WHEREAS, firefighters are often the first responders to situations that threaten the public safety, and these brave men and women continue to earn our loyalty and appreciation with their heroism and professionalism during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Fire Captain Brad Petty of the Chattanooga Fire Department was truly heroic in his response to an emergency situation on March 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, while off duty, Captain Petty, along with his daughter, Hannah, and son, Kanan, stopped to assist a motorist who had pulled over on the side of I-24 near Murfreesboro; Captain Petty found a young woman who had been struck by a bullet fired from another car; and

WHEREAS, using a shirt to apply pressure to the wound, Captain Petty slowed the bleeding until an emergency crew arrived while his daughter phoned 911, giving the dispatchers information about their location and the victim's condition; and

WHEREAS, an Advanced EMT, Captain Brad Petty is a twenty-one-year veteran of the Chattanooga Fire Department, having joined the agency on March 17, 2000; he became a sworn firefighter on June 23, 2000, and was promoted to FFS on April 19, 2002, and lieutenant on July 23, 2004, before rising to the rank of captain on January 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the ideal example of a professional firefighter, Captain Petty has been a member of the Chattanooga Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue Team since its inception and has worked on a squad that specializes in rescues for the past fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated firefighter and strong leader, Captain Petty holds numerous firefighting certifications and has completed a great deal of training while also serving as a mentor and friend to countless colleagues; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chattanooga and graduate of East Ridge High School, Captain Brad Petty enjoys the love and support of his wife, Ginger, and their four children, Hannah, Kanan, Gracie, and Koda; and

WHEREAS, we wish to extend our gratitude and approbation to this exemplary firefighter and public servant; 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 hereby honor and commend Fire Captain Brad Petty of the Chattanooga Fire Department for his heroic actions on March 6, 2021, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

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.