

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 489

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael Ray Barbee of the Wilson County Sheriff's 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 careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Michael Ray Barbee of the Wilson County Sheriff's 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 has taken his well-deserved retirement after twenty-seven years in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a 1974 graduate of Lebanon High School, Michael Ray Barbee began his career in law enforcement with the Lebanon Police Department in 1976, rendering sterling service to his community over the next fifteen years and attaining the ranks of Dispatcher, Officer, Detective, and Chief Detective; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barbee worked in the private sector from 1991 until 2009, when he returned to law enforcement as a member of the Wilson County Sheriff's Department, serving as a Corrections Investigator and Detective; and

WHEREAS, during his extensive career, Mr. Barbee 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 agencies he served; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Mr. Barbee enjoys the love and support of his wife of twenty-one years, Barbara, and their two daughters, Nicole Barbara and Michaela; and

WHEREAS, Michael Ray Barbee exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Barbee has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues, his fellow officers, and a grateful public; 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 Michael Ray Barbee of the Wilson County Sheriff's Department upon the occasion of his retirement, extending our gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to the residents of Wilson County and our best wishes for 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.