

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 589

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Shelby County Drug Court on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary and 2,500<sup>th</sup> graduate.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to pay tribute to a judicial body that has helped thousands of citizens free themselves from drug addiction and lead productive lives as responsible members of society; and

WHEREAS, founded twenty years ago, the Shelby County Drug Court diverts drug offenders from the penal system through an alternative sentencing program that focuses on treatment and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, after spending eighteen months in the program, graduates are eligible to have their cases dismissed and charges expunged; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Drug Court recently hosted its 234<sup>th</sup> graduation, which ceremony included the program's 2,500<sup>th</sup> graduate; and

WHEREAS, this amazing figure speaks highly of the dedication and compassion of Judge Tim Dwyer and his staff and denotes the astounding overall success of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby County Drug Court and Judge Dwyer serve as a beacon of hope, redemption, and rehabilitation in Tennessee's judicial system and are worthy of our praise and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Judge Tim Dwyer and his staff in the Shelby County Drug Court on the occasion of the program celebrating its twentieth anniversary and

2,500<sup>th</sup> graduate and extend to these good people our best wishes for much continued success in combating drug addiction.

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