

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 855

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Chief Deputy Mike Owen of the Wilson County Sheriff's Office on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Mike Owen of the Wilson County Sheriff's Office 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 much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Owen is a graduate of Memorial High School, and he earned a degree in criminal justice from Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Mike Owen began his career in law enforcement with the Henderson Police Department in Kentucky in 1982; in 1986, he joined the Tennessee Army National Guard, where he worked his way up to the rank of senior master sergeant, and he also served in the Phoenix Ravens of the Tennessee Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Owen joined the Wilson County Sheriff's Office in 1994 as a narcotics detective and SWAT commander; after a five-year absence, he returned in 2011 to serve as Chief Deputy, in which position he remained until his retirement in 2023; and

WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2011, he served the Y-12 National Nuclear Facility in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional accomplishments, Chief Deputy Owen is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Nicole; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Owen exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his thirty-four years of public service, Chief Deputy Mike Owen 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 THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chief Deputy Mike Owen upon the occasion of his retirement, extending our gratitude for his many years of dedicated service to the Wilson County Sheriff's Office 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.