

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 883

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Williamson County Sheriff Dusty Rhoades on the occasion of his retirement.

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

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Williamson County Sheriff Dusty Rhoades, who devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, after a forty-five-year career spanning six decades of service to the citizens of Williamson County, Sheriff Rhoades took his much-deserved retirement on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Dusty Rhoades began his career in law enforcement on June 1, 1979, as a patrolman with the Williamson County Sheriff's Office and graduated from Basic Police School at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in 1980; and

WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Middle Tennessee State University and attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Rhoades completed training at the TBI Leadership Academy in 2014 and obtained designation as a Certified Public Administrator through the University of Tennessee County Technical Assistance Service in 2020; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to serve as Interim Sheriff in 2008 and again in February 2020, before being elected to the position of Williamson County Sheriff on August 8, 2020, and reelected on August 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of his profession and an active member of his community, Sheriff Dusty Rhoades is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police – Morris Heithcock Lodge #41 in Franklin, Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Franklin Noon Rotary Club, Tennessee Sheriff's Association, and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of Leadership Franklin Class of 2011-2012, a former commissioner and chairman of the Tennessee Peace Officers and Standards Commission, and a member of the board of directors of One Generation Away; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Sheriff Rhoades is a John I. Easley, Jr., Law Enforcement Hall of Fame inductee and was named Nashville Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter's 2021 Sigma Chi of the Year – Greater Nashville Region; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Sheriff Dusty Rhoades is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of forty-five years, Lynn Beasley Rhoades; he is the proud father of a son, Colin, and daughter-in-law, Lauren, and the devoted grandfather of Iris Mae; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Rhoades exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Sheriff Dusty Rhoades has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Williamson County; 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 Williamson County Sheriff Dusty Rhoades on his exemplary career and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

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.