

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1333

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lieutenant Ryan Holt for his dedicated service as a member of the Greeneville Fire Department and Caney Branch Volunteer Fire Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Lieutenant Ryan Holt, who has served with distinction as a member of the Greeneville Fire Department and Caney Branch Volunteer Fire Department for twenty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, although Lieutenant Holt spent much of his childhood with his parents at the Caney Branch Volunteer Fire Department, he did not express an interest in firefighting until the age of eighteen, at which time he joined the department; he spent two years as lieutenant and two years as assistant chief before being named chief in 1997; and

WHEREAS, that same year, Lieutenant Ryan Holt was hired by the Greeneville Fire Department; he obtained his advanced emergency medical technician training and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant one and one-half years ago; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Holt also contributes to his profession as an instructor for the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy and the Volunteer Fire Insurance Services; he is a Task Force Strike Team Leader and serves as the State mutual aid fire representative for Greene County; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Holt's tireless efforts have helped the Caney Branch Volunteer Fire Department obtain grants and funding for equipment and upgrades; he has also overseen

the construction of their current station and the establishment of the department's first medical response program for the county; and

WHEREAS, during his eight-year tenure as president of the Greene County Fire Association, Lieutenant Ryan Holt was instrumental in obtaining a grant for a fire safety trailer and a Sparky costume, which are used in presentations to teach fire safety to children in the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many successes, Lieutenant Holt is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife of twenty-two years, Malinda, and their children, Susanna and Simon; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Ryan Holt has selflessly dedicated countless hours to the citizens of Greene County to ensure their safety; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Lieutenant Holt has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that, on behalf of a grateful public, we honor and commend Lieutenant Ryan Holt for his dedicated service as a member of the Greeneville Fire Department and Caney Branch Volunteer Fire Department and extend 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.