

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1350

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor K-9 Barnabas upon his success as a search and rescue canine.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to a dedicated Tennessean whose advanced sense of smell has catapulted him to the very apex of his profession; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Barnabas is a supremely gifted search and rescue bloodhound who is trained in both tracking and cadaver location and bonded with the Campbell County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of his owner and handler, Carol Eller "Candy" Stooksbury, Barnabas has participated in numerous search and rescue efforts over the years, including the Sevier County wildfires of 2016, collapsed structures, home and commercial fires, and suspected drownings; Barnabas was once able to find a missing eleven-year-old boy through his singular sense of smell; and

WHEREAS, Barnabas and Ms. Stooksbury began their search and rescue exploits as volunteers but have since been employed by several area law enforcement agencies, including the Campbell County Sheriff's Department, where Ms. Stooksbury serves as a Deputy; and

WHEREAS, renowned as the "King of Rescue Dogs," Barnabas has excelled in his assignments, and his sensitive nose works perfectly even in difficult water environments; he once located a body that was immersed under fifty-five feet of water; and

WHEREAS, Barnabas has received numerous honors in recognition of his tracking prowess, including induction into the Tennessee Animal Hall of Fame by the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, Barnabas works hard in training exercises to keep his skills sharp, and he requires only a few all-beef hot dogs as payment; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Barnabas, "King of the Rescue Dogs," is most worthy of our approbation; 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 K-9 Barnabas upon his success as a search and rescue canine, wishing him all the best in 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.