

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1406

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Officer Destin Legieza of the Brentwood Police Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety; in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals who face daily the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Officer Destin Legieza of the Brentwood Police Department was one such outstanding and heroic public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Franklin, Officer Legieza was a graduate of Franklin High School and received a degree in criminal justice administration from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, a third-generation law enforcement officer, Officer Destin Legieza's father is currently a lieutenant with the Franklin Police Department, and his grandfather is retired from the CSX Railroad Police; and

WHEREAS, Officer Legieza was hired by the Brentwood Police Department in 2015 and was assigned to the midnight shift. He was previously employed by the Athens-Clarke County Police Department in Athens, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of June 18, 2020, Officer Legieza was traveling south on Franklin Road when his patrol vehicle was struck by an oncoming car; he is the first Brentwood police officer to be killed in the line of duty in the history of the department; and

WHEREAS, a true public servant and guardian to the citizens of Brentwood, Officer Destin Legieza was very involved in his community, supporting Special Olympics as well as a community flag football team; and

WHEREAS, Officer Legieza was deeply devoted to his family, and he will be sorely missed by his loving wife, Heather Legieza; and

WHEREAS, Destin Legieza leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in his public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; 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 we honor the memory of Officer Destin Legieza, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Officer Legieza.

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.