

SENATE RESOLUTION 85

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A RESOLUTION to honor Caryville Mayor Bobby Stooksbury for his heroism in saving a life on February 1, 2019.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is blessed with dedicated firefighters, diligent public servants, and everyday citizens who are willing to risk their personal safety, even their lives, to come to the aid of persons in distress during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Stooksbury exemplifies all three of these vocations: he is the Mayor of Caryville, a member of the Caryville Fire Department with forty-five years of firefighting experience, and an outstanding member of his community; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2019, Mayor Stooksbury utilized courage, training, and skill to save a woman's life in the midst of a house fire near his home; and

WHEREAS, after hearing the 911 call at home and realizing the address was near his own, Mayor Stooksbury leapt into action and arrived at the scene in mere minutes; and

WHEREAS, when he opened the front door of the home, black smoke billowed out; visibility inside the house was zero; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Stooksbury immediately dropped to his knees and began crawling, as firefighters are taught to do, and attempted to find the occupant inside by establishing verbal contact; and

WHEREAS, finally locating the woman with this method, Mayor Stooksbury dragged her from the burning building to the front door, where a police officer helped him move her to safety; and

WHEREAS, there can be no doubt that Mayor Stooksbury's training and experience as a firefighter were invaluable tools that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, although he has been a firefighter for forty-five years, this was the first occasion on which Bobby Stooksbury was able to achieve the firefighter's ultimate goal of saving a life; and

WHEREAS, later, in a surprise ceremony arranged by the Caryville Fire Chief, Mayor Stooksbury was honored for his heroism and bravery with a lifesaving award plaque, pin, and ribbon; and

WHEREAS, we wish to likewise extend our gratitude and approbation to Mayor Bobby Stooksbury; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Mayor Bobby Stooksbury for his heroism in saving a woman's life during a house fire in Caryville and thank him for a dangerous job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.