

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

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A RESOLUTION to honor Police Chief Richard Catlett and the Pigeon Forge Police Department on winning the Excellence in Police Services Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those police departments in this State that have, for many years, stood as bastions of law and order and beacons of dedicated service to the members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding organization is the Pigeon Forge Police Department and Police Chief Richard Catlett, winners of the Tennessee Municipal League's prestigious Excellence in Police Services Award; and

WHEREAS, the Pigeon Forge Police Department protects a community of some 6,200 permanent residents, and ensures the safety of more than ten times as many visitors on most days; and

WHEREAS, Pigeon Forge hosts an estimated 14 million visitors each year, including those who come to enjoy the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Dollywood, and many other attractions; and

WHEREAS, with unwavering commitment to duty, the Pigeon Forge Police Department manages safety and traffic during countless events each year; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pigeon Forge Police Department have contributed greatly to the safety of the citizens of Pigeon Forge and its visitors, serving with tremendous courage, fortitude, and professionalism and making a significant impact for the betterment of their community; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Police Chief Richard Catlett, a Pigeon Forge native, the police department recently received its second Law Enforcement Accreditation Award from the Tennessee Association of Police Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we specially recognize the members of the Pigeon Forge Police Department for their professional devotion and steadfast commitment to protecting and serving their community while upholding the law and preserving the peace; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate and applaud Police Chief Richard Catlett and the Pigeon Forge Police Department on winning the Excellence in Police Services Award from the Tennessee Municipal League and extend our gratitude for the department's steadfast service to the law and the citizens and visitors of Pigeon Forge.

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.