

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 150

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jeffrey "Jeff" Lee Francis of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Jeffrey "Jeff" Lee Francis of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Francis served with honor and distinction for twenty-eight years with the Chattanooga Police Department (CPD), most recently as Captain of the Patrol Division, in which position he inspired his fellow officers with his unwavering sense of duty and dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Chattanooga for the past thirty-eight years, Jeff Francis graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Education in Missions from Tennessee Temple University and earned his Master's in Outdoor Education from Southern Adventist University; and

WHEREAS, a proud alumnus of both colleges, Mr. Francis served as dean of men and chief of security for more than fifteen years at Tennessee Temple University and as adjunct professor at both Tennessee Temple and Southern Adventist University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his extensive career in law enforcement, Jeff Francis amassed a long list of achievements, such as establishing and serving as Lieutenant of the Gang Investigation Unit and developing and obtaining funding for the CPD's B.A.D.G.E. Program for local at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, he was the recipient of many awards, including the CPD's 1989 Officer of the Year and 2012 Manager of the Year awards, as well as the 2001 Family of the Year award from Family and Children's Services; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many professional contributions, Mr. Francis volunteered his time and talents to the community in numerous capacities, serving as vice president and

chaplain of the Hamilton County Rescue Services and president of the Tennessee Chapter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates; and

WHEREAS, he was also an active member of Highland Park Baptist Church for thirty-eight years, during which time he served on the board of deacons and as director of Camp Joy for two years; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man, his memory will be forever cherished by his wife of thirty-one years, Gail Francis; his sons, Jeffrey Daniel Francis and his wife, Darci, Benjamin Lee Francis, and Christopher Lee Francis; his daughter, Kristen Marie Faires and her husband, Harvey; and his grandchildren, Emma, Tobin, Alise, Silas, and Violet; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his brothers, Donald Francis and his wife, Judi, and Tim Francis and his wife, Lorie; a host of nieces and nephews; and all those who knew him as "Captain"; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Francis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jeffrey "Jeff" Lee Francis, 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 Mr. Francis.

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