

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 247

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Richard Dionne,  
Commander of the Johnson County Honor  
Guard.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Richard Dionne is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dionne, who serves with valor and distinction as Commander of the Johnson County Honor Guard, has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Honor Guard was established following World War II in 1946 as a community service arm of the county's posts of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; its members are honorably discharged/retired veterans of all the military services who willingly donate their time and energy for county residents; and

WHEREAS, the primary duty of the Honor Guard is to provide final military funeral honors for veterans; in addition, the Guard participates in various county activities, including holiday parades, school year openings, charitable events, flag etiquette classes for five elementary schools, planning, organizing, and presenting the county's Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, and participating in any public event as requested by the sponsoring organization; and

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, during his laudable career in both military and public service, Commander Dionne has made innumerable contributions to the betterment of the State of Tennessee and this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Commander Dionne is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; 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 hereby commend Richard Dionne, Commander of the Johnson County Honor Guard, for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness 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.