

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 288

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Officer Tina Shaw for her act of heroism.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor those individuals who, during the course of their duties, endeavor to protect the lives of their fellow citizens, braving great dangers and putting themselves at risk to save others; and

WHEREAS, Officer Tina Shaw of the Memphis Police Department was truly heroic in her response to an emergency situation on February 2, 2023, ultimately saving the life of a young man in peril; and

WHEREAS, that Thursday, officers responded to a call about a suicidal person on the edge of the I-40 bridge over the Mississippi River; the young man, only seventeen years old, was contemplating ending his life when Officer Shaw arrived on the scene; and

WHEREAS, gaining the trust of the teen, who was positioned outside the ledge of the bridge, Officer Tina Shaw was able to console him and, after fifteen minutes of conversation, convince him to hold on to her while she pulled him off the ledge to safety; and

WHEREAS, since that day, Officer Shaw has maintained contact with the young man and has fostered a friendship and mentorship with him that transcends her job as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, those who know her know that the incident on the I-40 bridge is characteristic of her true nature and calling; based out of the North Main Station, Officer Tina Shaw is currently assigned to the Bravo (day) shift and serves as a Crisis Intervention Officer; and

WHEREAS, a natural leader and exceptional asset to the department, Officer Shaw has worked with the Memphis Police Department for fourteen years, during which time her ability to

connect with those in crisis has proven unparalleled and has led to numerous successful interventions; and

WHEREAS, Officer Shaw's extraordinary efforts and selflessness in a time of crisis are a tremendous source of pride for the Memphis Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize Officer Shaw for her exceptional act of service at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Officer Tina Shaw for her act of heroism on February 2, 2023, commending her service to the citizens of Memphis and extending our best wishes for continued success in all her 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.