

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 470

By Weaver

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mark Presley on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Mark Presley of Trousdale County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Trousdale County High School, Mr. Presley is a member of the Hartsville Rotary Club, founder of Hartsville Strong, and manager of the local Foodland grocery store; and

WHEREAS, he has coordinated many fundraising efforts in Trousdale and surrounding counties; after the March 2020 tornadoes that devastated parts of Middle Tennessee, he collected donations of food, water, clothing, and other supplies for those who lost their homes, and due to his efforts, five trailers of supplies were distributed; and

WHEREAS, Mark Presley also serves his individual neighbors in need, whether helping to provide running water to a residence or repair a driveway; in 2020, he created a Blessing Box, a small, free food pantry in front of his home, and worked to form the nonprofit organization

Hartsville Strong to provide various forms of assistance to lower-income residents in the aftermath of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Presley is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Mark Presley for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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.