

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 521

By Freeman

A RESOLUTION to honor those venerable members of the Nashville Fire Department and Nashville Department of Emergency Communications for their response to the deadly shooting at The Covenant School.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is blessed with dedicated fire, emergency services, and 911 personnel who risk their personal safety, even their lives, to protect and serve their communities in times of disaster and crisis; and

WHEREAS, it is the very nature of emergency response that its officers are often the first responders to situations that threaten public safety, and these brave men and women continue to earn our loyalty and appreciation with their heroism and professionalism during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 members of the Nashville Fire Department, which includes firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and rescue task force teams, and the Nashville Department of Emergency Communications 911 staff served with the utmost distinction in their response to an active shooter at The Covenant School in Nashville on March 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the first 911 call to the Nashville Department of Emergency Communications about shots being fired in the building came in at 10:13 a.m; 911 staff workers responded immediately, calming callers, while dispatchers expertly facilitated a prompt emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Fire Department's rescue task force teams also played a pivotal role in the response by going into the school alongside Metro Nashville Police Officers to triage patients, bring them out for immediate lifesaving treatment, and prepare them for transport to the hospital, while Nashville Emergency Communications 911 staff expertly managed the reunification center and parent hotline; and

WHEREAS, we owe these men and women a profound debt of gratitude for their selfless devotion, valor, and composure under unimaginable pressure and life-threatening circumstances, and it is most fitting that we pause and honor them to the full extent of our abilities 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 hereby honor and commend the members of the Nashville Fire Department and Nashville Department of Emergency Communications for their response to the deadly shooting at The Covenant School on the morning of March 27, 2023, extending our sincere gratitude for their unparalleled professionalism and honorable service to the people of this State.

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.