

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 696

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Scottie King upon receiving the American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for the state of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, 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 in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Scottie King is one such courageous public servant, who recently won the American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, raised in a military family, Officer King moved to Gallatin in 1985 and earned his diploma from Gallatin High School; and

WHEREAS, one of the most trustworthy, reliable, and focused officers in the state, Officer King currently oversees the department's Traffic Division, expertly producing a weekly traffic report and working assiduously to prevent and address any trending problems. He twice led the department in DUI arrests, making 169 in 2007 and 131 the following year; and

WHEREAS, Scottie King also serves with acumen and alacrity as a field training officer and as a valued member of the crisis negotiation team and the department's peer support team; and

WHEREAS, his unflagging dedication to the pursuit of excellence has garnered him thirteen honors and meritorious service awards, including a commendation following the 2006 tornado and another one after the 2010 flood; and

WHEREAS, Officer King has served with the utmost integrity and professionalism, earning the respect and admiration of his peers, superiors, and the citizens of Gallatin for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an instinctive leader with the ability to generate confidence in his fellow officers, Officer Scottie King has contributed greatly to the safety of the citizens of Gallatin, serving with tremendous courage, fortitude, and professionalism and making a significant impact for the better on his community; and

WHEREAS, Officer King epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication to the City of Gallatin are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, Scottie King is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty years and their five children; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Officer Scottie King for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Scottie King upon receiving the American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for the state of Tennessee, thank him for his meritorious service to the citizens of Gallatin and the state of Tennessee, 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.