

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 717

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Fire Captain David Currie on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Fire Captain David Currie, who has served with distinction as a member of the Franklin Fire Department for more than twenty-three years and recently announced that he will be taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Fire Captain Currie knew from the age of three he wanted to be a firefighter; he began volunteering for his hometown fire department in Caruthersville, Missouri, at the age of twelve. He continued fighting fire with the Warrensburg, Missouri, fire department while attending Central Missouri State University, where he studied fire science; and

WHEREAS, after receiving formal education, he was hired in Tennessee by the Memphis Fire Department and, later, the Shelby County Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Fire Captain Currie relocated with his family to Middle Tennessee when he was hired by the Franklin Fire Department; he quickly rose through the ranks, earning his promotion to engineer in 2001, lieutenant in 2004, and captain in 2006; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Fire Captain Currie was assigned to Stations 3, 4, and 5 and was a part of the crew that opened Station 6 at 1061 Cool Springs Boulevard in 2008, where has served since; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Fire Captain Currie earned two Unit Citation for Valorous Conduct Awards and four Phoenix Awards during his career, was named Officer of the Year in 2014, and received the EMS Star of Life Award; and

WHEREAS, Fire Captain Currie is proud of the many firefighters he has mentored over the years, particularly those with whom he volunteered at the Maury County Fire Department and with whom he worked at the Franklin Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a lifetime member of the Maury County Fire Department, Fire Captain Currie has been an active member of the International Association of Firefighters since 1980, serving as a board member for both the Shelby County and Franklin chapters; and

WHEREAS, Fire Captain Currie is extremely grateful for the love and support of his wife, Dee Currie, and his son, Jeff Currie, who has followed in the footsteps of his father as a captain-paramedic with the Spring Hill Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Fire Captain David Currie has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Franklin; 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 extend to Fire Captain David Currie of the Franklin Fire Department our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.