

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 866

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to recognize Police Chief Jeff C. Lewis of the Dickson Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Jeff C. Lewis of the Dickson Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, after a more than thirty-five-year career with the Dickson Police Department, Chief Lewis will take a much-deserved retirement on March 1, 2024, having dedicated himself to the highest tenets of public service and law enforcement in the Dickson community for over three and a half decades; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Dickson County resident, Chief Jeff Lewis is the son of Joyce and Clay Lewis, a former Dickson Police Department officer; he is a 1983 graduate of Dickson County High School and a 1989 graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lewis began his illustrious career with the Dickson Police Department as a police officer on August 16, 1988; and

WHEREAS, he became Dickson Police Department's first Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officer in 1990 and went on to become a DARE instructor mentor for the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Chief Jeff Lewis quickly rose to the rank of captain and was instrumental in the creation of the department's Law Enforcement Explorer Post; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2004, he became the director of Dickson's Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, after the City of Dickson combined its parks and recreation, street and sanitation, cemetery, building and grounds, and right-of-way maintenance departments into the Public Works Department, Chief Lewis was appointed to serve as the director of Public Works on July 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, after the retirement of former Dickson Police Chief Rick Chandler, Mayor Don L. Weiss, Jr., appointed Jeff Lewis to serve as interim police chief on May 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2017, Mayor Weiss nominated and the Dickson City Council confirmed Chief Lewis as Dickson's twenty-first chief of police since the city's incorporation in 1899; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of his profession, from 2009 to 2017, Chief Jeff Lewis served on the board of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Committee, which oversees training standards and law enforcement certification across the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Chief Lewis is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of thirty-seven years, Lynn; they are the proud parents of two sons, Tyler Lewis and Daniel (Hannah) Lewis, and a daughter, Lisa Harden; and

WHEREAS, Chief Jeff Lewis has performed his duties with professionalism and integrity, helping his fellow citizens in any way that he could and proving himself time and again to be a tremendous asset to the Dickson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Lewis exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Chief Jeff Lewis has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Dickson; 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 honor and commend Police Chief Jeff C. Lewis on his exemplary career with the Dickson Police Department and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

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.