

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 989

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to honor Assistant Chief of Police Dewel Scruggs on the occasion of his retirement from the Portland Police Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize an outstanding law enforcement officer who has protected and served his community with commitment and courage; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief of Police Dewel Scruggs of the Portland Police Department is taking a much-deserved retirement after nearly thirty-seven years in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Scruggs began his illustrious career in law enforcement as a Reserve Officer with the Portland Police Department in 1985 and was hired as a full-time officer in 1988; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service, he has held the ranks of Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain before being promoted to Assistant Chief of Police in 2016; and

WHEREAS, in his current position, Assistant Chief Scruggs oversees the Patrol Division and fleet maintenance and serves as the department's Quartermaster and General Department Instructor, in which capacity he is responsible for coordinating all agency training; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Scruggs is a highly trained professional, holding certifications as a Traffic Accident Reconstructionist, DUI Enforcement Instructor, Radar Instructor, Firearms Instructor, and Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor; he has received extensive training and experience in the areas of traffic safety and enforcement and vehicular homicide investigations; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated law enforcement officer who is honored to protect and serve the residents of his community, Assistant Chief Scruggs has received multiple commendations for his work with the Portland Police Department; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-seven years, Assistant Chief Scruggs has helped hold the thin blue line that keeps our society safe and orderly, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; 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 and commend Assistant Chief of Police Dewel Scruggs on his exemplary career with the Portland 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.