

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1142

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A RESOLUTION to honor the victims, their families, and the first responders on the occasion of the one-year anniversary of the Covenant School shooting in Nashville.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2023, unnecessary tragedy befell Nashville and the Covenant School when an armed assailant killed six individuals and forever changed the lives of countless others throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, as we mark the one-year anniversary of the Covenant School shooting, we honor the memories of Evelyn Marie Dieckhaus, Hallie Scruggs, William Kinney, Dr. Katherine Koonce, Cynthia Broyles Peak, and Michael "Mike" Hill, bright lights extinguished far too soon; and

WHEREAS, we further honor the families of these victims, who experienced irrevocable, unfathomable loss and whose resilience and strength continue to inspire others; and

WHEREAS, while we mourn the lives of the six victims, there very well may have been more if not for the heroic actions of several entities, all of which worked together in perfect organization, handling all aspects quickly and bravely, and with great empathy; and

WHEREAS, these venerable organizations are the Metro Nashville Police Department; the Nashville Fire Department, including firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and rescue task force teams; and the Nashville Department of Emergency Communications 911 staff; and

WHEREAS, though we will never forget the events that took place on March 27, 2023, it is our hope that this memory will be eclipsed by that of the exceptional individuals who lost their lives one year ago, as well as the indomitable human spirit that was on display that day and continues to unite our community; 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 the memory of the victims of the Covenant School shooting, as well as their families and the local first responders, as we mark the one-year anniversary of this incomprehensible tragedy.

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.