

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1327

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of retired TBI K9 Agent Wrigley.

WHEREAS, we wish to memorialize the life of a dedicated canine officer whose ability in the field undoubtedly enhanced the safety and security of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, born on May 6, 2012, in Georgia, Wrigley was initially trained to serve as a guide dog for the blind as a puppy; and

WHEREAS, Wrigley later joined the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and at the age of one, he began his training as an Accelerant Detection canine; and

WHEREAS, in March 2014, Wrigley met his partner, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Special Agent and Fire Investigator Ryan Shanklin; the two immediately formed a strong bond and soon became a perfect working team; and

WHEREAS, K9 Agent Wrigley and Special Agent Shanklin responded to more than 200 fire scenes as a team and assisted in solving numerous arson cases; and

WHEREAS, after serving the State of Tennessee for six years, Wrigley retired in October 2020 and spent the rest of his days being spoiled by the Shanklin family as a beloved pet; and

WHEREAS, K9 Agent Wrigley, a beloved member of the TBI and Shanklin families, was well known for his intelligence, loyalty, and bravery, and it is fitting that we remember his noble life of public service at this time; 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 retired K9 Agent Wrigley while recognizing his

partner, Special Agent Ryan Shanklin, and fondly remembering their laudable service to the TBI and the people of this great State.

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.