

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7017

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sheriff Eddie Tester of Mountain City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Sheriff Eddie Tester; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tester was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Mountain City on November 24, 1964, Eddie Tester began his professional career as a certified nursing assistant at Mountain City Care Center; and

WHEREAS, his career path later pivoted toward public service, and he embraced roles that underscored his dedication to the safety and well-being of his community; and

WHEREAS, he served Johnson County as a dispatcher and deputy sheriff before joining the Tennessee Highway Patrol; after serving as a trooper for eighteen years, he was elected Sheriff of Johnson County, a post he had held for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tester was among the pioneering class of paramedics, having completed training at Tri-Cities State Tech in Blountville; he was a volunteer and an employee who dedicated years to the Johnson County Rescue Squad as an emergency medical technician before becoming a paramedic; and

WHEREAS, he further served his community as a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Mountain City and the Trade Volunteer Fire Department; additionally, he played a key role in facilitating gun safety and active shooter classes and contributing to constable training; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tester was a revered member of the Taylorsville Masonic Lodge 243 F&AM, Scottish Rite Mason, and the Jericho Shrine Temple; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tester was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of thirty-five years, Brenda Tester; several siblings-in-law; and a number of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Tester leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; 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 Sheriff Eddie Tester, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

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.