

HOUSE RESOLUTION 91

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Detective Jeffrey Swindol on being named the Bartlett Police Department Officer of the Year by the Knights of Columbus.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as public servants and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Detective Jeffrey Swindol, who has been named the Bartlett Police Department Officer of the Year by the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, hired by the Department on July 1, 1998, Jeffrey Swindol began his career as a patrolman and received his promotion to Detective on April 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, soon after he received that promotion, his colleagues and superiors quickly recognized his talents as an investigator, and he was soon assigned to the Bartlett Police Department Narcotics Unit, where Detective Swindol has consistently demonstrated his ability to adapt to and overcome the obstacles that all too often impede a thorough investigation into the illegal distribution of narcotics and other controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2008, the Narcotics Unit initiated an investigation into a particular suspect whose place of residence, believed to serve as a locus for narcotics distribution, posed certain difficulties with regard to obtaining a proper search warrant; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Detective Swindol's singular drive and creativity, he and his fellow investigators were able to surmount those impediments that seemed, at the outset, to preclude anything but a simple arrest warrant, which would not have allowed the Narcotics Unit to discover and seize the sixty-two thousand dollars in illicit funds the suspect had generated as a result of his activities; and

WHEREAS, while Detective Jeffrey Swindol serves as an integral part of a unit comprised of numerous components that work together to conduct investigations, in this particular case, he himself deserves the bulk of the credit for one of the largest cash seizures of illegal drug money in the history of the Bartlett Police Department; and

WHEREAS, for his excellent work in this and many other cases, the great honor of Officer of the Year has been duly conferred upon Lieutenant Jeffrey Swindol; and

WHEREAS, raised in Bartlett, Jeffrey Swindol is a graduate of Bartlett High School; and

WHEREAS, during the early 1990s, Detective Swindol's father, Jerry, became a reserve patrolman with the Bartlett Police Department, serving faithfully until his untimely death; it is because of his father's dedication and loyal service to the community that Detective Jeffrey Swindol has chosen a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with his father's spirit of service, Detective Swindol has displayed nothing less than the utmost professionalism, compassion, and loyalty throughout the days of his employment, and his chosen career path, as well as the manner in which he has traveled it, is a testament to his family and the people of Bartlett, who instilled in Detective Swindol the very highest values; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jeffrey Swindol epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Detective Swindol for his dedication to the citizens of Bartlett and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Detective Jeffrey Swindol on being named the Bartlett Police Department Officer of the Year by the Knights of Columbus and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.