

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lieutenant Richard Verbosky of the Franklin Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Verbosky of the Franklin Police Department is one such estimable person who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Richard Verbosky joined the Franklin Police Department in 1984, beginning a career that spanned thirty years of benevolent service to the community; and

WHEREAS, a 1968 graduate of Father Ryan High School, Richard Verbosky served in the United States Army as a tank commander in the Vietnam era, seeing duty overseas there and in Germany; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Verbosky's assignments, prior to being promoted to Lieutenant in 1996, included patrol, SWAT, and field training, serving as an officer, instructor, and sergeant, as well as sergeant over the Police Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, in his most recent assignment, Lieutenant Verbosky oversaw the Patrol Division's Bravo Shift (6 a.m. to 4 p.m.), SWAT, K9 Unit, Traffic Unit, Flex Unit, Dive Team, and Mounted Patrol; and

WHEREAS, an avid equestrian, Lieutenant Richard Verbosky played an integral role in the resurrection of the Mounted Patrol in 2009 and subsequently organized two training classes in Franklin, which drew mounted patrol police officers from across the country; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Lieutenant Verbosky is a member of the local chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Richard Verbosky is most grateful for the love, companionship, and support he shares with his wife of twenty-six years, Donna; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Verbosky exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Lieutenant Verbosky demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, fellow officers, and a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that Lieutenant Richard Verbosky be honored and commended for his thirty years of dedicated service to the Franklin Police Department upon the occasion of his retirement. We extend to him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

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