

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 120

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, the Nashville Fire Department, the Nashville Office of Emergency Management, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

WHEREAS, in the early hours of Christmas morning, December 25, 2020, tragedy struck downtown Nashville as a bomb was intentionally detonated inside a white RV parked on Second Avenue North; and

WHEREAS, in seconds, what was once a picturesque, historic, tree-lined street was left in ruins, with several buildings damaged or destroyed and more than forty businesses affected; miraculously, only three people were injured, as responding officers of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department had heroically raced door-to-door to usher area residents out of harm's way prior to the devastating explosion; and

WHEREAS, in response to the bombing, local, state, and federal agencies swiftly went into action, including the Nashville Fire Department, the Nashville Office of Emergency Management, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and

WHEREAS, logging countless hours since the bombing, the men and women of these various agencies have helped secure the location, provide emergency assistance, discover and determine the suspect, and initiate the processes necessary to begin recovery and rebuilding efforts for residents and businesses within the area; and

WHEREAS, we owe these individuals, some of whom were under unimaginable pressure and life-threatening circumstances, a profound debt of gratitude for their dedication, valor, and commitment to a job well done; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we pause and honor these outstanding local, state, and federal agencies to the full extent of our abilities at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, the Nashville Fire Department, the Nashville Office of Emergency Management, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their distinguished service in response to the Christmas Day bombing in Nashville.

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.