

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 532

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A RESOLUTION to honor the Tennessee Highway Patrol officers and Sergeants at Arms stationed at the State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) and Sergeants at Arms are tasked daily with the security and order of events in the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, stationed officers are often the first and sometimes only face of government Capitol visitors see and interact with; and

WHEREAS, they consistently show professionalism and cooperativeness, even in the most stressful and challenging of situations; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 30, 2023, the State Capitol was host to one of the largest demonstrations of advocacy in Tennessee history; and

WHEREAS, during said demonstration, many protestors were passionately and sometimes angrily engaging legislative and executive members and staffers; and

WHEREAS, our THP officers and Sergeants at Arms responded professionally and efficiently to help maintain civil order; and

WHEREAS, due to their persistent vigilance and constant control, and despite internal disruption, the General Assembly was able to conduct the people's business in accordance with their constitutional duties; and

WHEREAS, no reported conflicts escalated to injury or disorder; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby applaud, recognize, and honor the brave

and dependable work of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and our Sergeants at Arms for their successful execution and professional kindness displayed on March 30, 2023.

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.