

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to commend Jeff Puckett for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Deputy Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Puckett of Nashville is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Deputy Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), Jeff Puckett has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Director Jeff Puckett holds an associate degree in law enforcement and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Director Puckett began his exemplary career in law enforcement with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in 1982. He worked for ten years with the TBI Special Investigations Unit where he investigated organized gambling, financial crimes, official misconduct, and public corruption cases; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, he was transferred to the 19th Judicial District where he was responsible for investigating various criminal activities, including robberies, rapes, and multiple murders; and

WHEREAS, promoted to the post of Special Agent in Charge of the Middle Tennessee Criminal Investigation Unit in 1998, Deputy Director Puckett oversaw criminal investigations in twenty-eight counties and six judicial districts; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Director Jeff Puckett was promoted to his current position in July 2004 by Director Mark Gwyn and oversees day-to-day operations of the Criminal Investigation Division statewide; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Director Puckett's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Puckett is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; 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 we hereby commend Jeff Puckett for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Deputy Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and salute his unswerving 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.