

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1546

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joe Timothy Hall,
Administrative Chief of Police of the Watertown
Police Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joe Timothy Hall, Administrative Chief of Police for the Watertown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a law enforcement officer for thirty years, Chief Joe Hall was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Watertown High School, Joe Hall began his illustrious career in law enforcement in 1985, when he joined the Watertown Police Department, where he served as a police officer, shift supervisor, and ultimately Chief of Police over the next eight years; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, he joined the Berry Hill Police Department, where he served as a police officer, training officer, and corporal during his six years of service with that agency; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, he was named the Chief of Police for the Alexandria Police Department; he left the public sector and joined Wackenhut Security in 2003, where he served in the capacities of security officer, training officer, sergeant, and lieutenant during his two-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, he returned to the Watertown Police Department and served with distinction until his death on September 24, 2020, holding the position of Administrative Chief of Police at that time, having held the positions of police officer, training officer, lieutenant, Administrative Chief of Police, and Chief of Police during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, a highly trained professional, Chief Hall served as an instructor in many areas, including firearms, deadly force, intermediate force, and officer survival; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he received a number of honors for his exemplary service, including the J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Gold Medal for Distinguished Public Service Award, the Honor Award from the J. Edgar Hoover Memorial, the Lifesavers Award from the Berry Hill Police Department, the Honor Award from the American Police Hall of Fame, the Distinguished Service Award from the American Police Hall of Fame, the 2002 TIBRS Award of Excellence, and the Wackenhut Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, Joe Hall was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Joe Hall enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Lory, and was the proud father of T.J. and Jimmy; and

WHEREAS, he will be mourned but fondly remembered by his brother, Terry Hall; his sisters, Tammy Hall and Tina Hamlet; and many nieces and nephews and a host of dear friends and fellow law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Chief Joe Hall leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; 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 the memory of Joe Timothy Hall, Administrative Chief of Police for the Watertown Police Department, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Chief Hall.

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.