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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 264  
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A RESOLUTION To recognize the Knox County Sheriff's Office's  
Race for Victims' Rights.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pay tribute to those persons who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to organize and sponsor events, which seek to alleviate the ills of society and perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, April 28, 2001, the Knox County Sheriff's Office and Sheriff Tim Hutchison will sponsor the first annual Race for Victims' Rights, in observance of Victims' Rights Week, and

WHEREAS, A competitive event for individuals and five-member public servants' teams, the Race includes a 5K run, a 10K relay, and a 1M fun run/walk; and

WHEREAS, Proceeds from the Race will benefit Childhelp South, Knoxville's area nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and

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WHEREAS, Childhelp South, a regional branch of Childhelp USA and one of the nation's oldest and largest nonprofit organizations for over 40 years, operates a multidisciplinary facility for interviewing, examining, and helping child victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, With its streamlined approach, the Center lessens the continuing trauma of the children's experiences by providing a single child-friendly environment where victims of sexual and severe physical abuse can be interviewed, medically examined, and psychologically evaluated; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the Center's efficient utilization of community resources by bringing together a Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) made up of professionals from law enforcement, the medical fields, the Department of Children's Services (DCS), and the District Attorney General's Office, approximately 600 children benefit from the Center's services each year; and

WHEREAS, A strong supporter of crime victims, Sheriff Tim Hutchison established a Family Crisis Unit in 1995 to further help victims of domestic violence and child abuse; with the Race for Victims' Rights, Sheriff Hutchison and his Office are encouraging and calling upon community organizations, businesses, and corporations to join them in their fight to ease the plight of crime victims; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize and commend the Knox County Sheriff's Office's Race for Victims' Rights, its participants, and its sponsors for their support of Victims' Rights Week and their endeavors to maintain a safe haven for victims of child abuse.

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