

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 885

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Firefighter T. Shane Murray of Jefferson City.

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by brave and dedicated firefighters who often place their lives at risk while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter T. Shane Murray of the Jefferson City Fire Department was one such outstanding firefighter; the members of this General Assembly were shocked and saddened to learn of his tragic and untimely death in the line of duty on March 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, acting without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, Shane Murray lost his life while heroically battling a structure fire; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jefferson County, Mr. Murray graduated from Jefferson County High School in June of 1998; and

WHEREAS, motivated by his desire to protect the lives of his fellow citizens, he became a Firefighter with the Lakeway Central Volunteer Fire Department in February of 1999; he diligently served in this capacity and eventually attained the rank of Second Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2001, Mr. Murray joined the Jefferson City Fire Department and served with distinction there until his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, he was an important member of the Jefferson City Fire Department and was held in the highest regard by his peers and superiors alike because of his unremitting dedication to duty and exemplary work ethic; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable young man, Shane had an unbridled respect for all those around him and he held the Jefferson City Fire Department in the highest esteem; and

WHEREAS, Shane Murray was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to promote and preserve the public safety as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, his great love for the Fire Service inspired him to perform his duties in a manner beyond reproach; and

WHEREAS, Shane Murray loved spending time with friends and participating in outdoor activities, such as hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter T. Shane Murray leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and valor in his public life as a firefighter, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should join all Tennesseans in remembering the bountiful life of this courageous public servant, and exceptional human being, who gave his life in the line of duty and in the cause of public safety; 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 honor the memory of T. Shane Murray of the Jefferson City Fire Department, recalling with pride his impeccable character, uncommon valor and stalwart commitment to living an exemplary life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of T. Shane Murray.

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