

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 262

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to commend officer Kenny Lunsford for his honorable and astute service to the people of Mount Carmel, Tennessee.

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, one such estimable person is Kenny Lunsford, a part-time patrol officer with the Mount Carmel Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lunsford was recently named the 2006 Officer of the Year by the Mount Carmel Police Department, a most befitting honor, as it recognizes the immeasurable contributions he has made to the Mount Carmel community as a law enforcement professional with superior standards of professional conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lunsford has served as a police officer with the Mount Carmel Police Department since September of 2005; and

WHEREAS, prior to his employment with the Mount Carmel Police Department, Officer Lunsford served with the Chicago Police Department for thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lunsford received a number of prestigious awards for his service in Chicago, including the Lambert Tree Award and the Superintendent's Award for Valor, the two highest awards given to police officers in Chicago; he is also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and the Honorable Service Award from the Fraternal Order of Police; and

WHEREAS, also for his meritorious service in Chicago, Officer Lunsford was recognized as the Eighteenth District's Officer of the Month five times, and Officer of the Month for his entire department; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a police officer, Kenny Lunsford, with more than 350 honorable mentions to his name, has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lunsford's remarkable success as a police officer is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, ever displaying motivation and dedication to the department's mission, Officer Lunsford sacrifices his personal safety on a daily basis to ensure a stable community for the good people of Mount Carmel; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest ideals of law enforcement, Kenny Lunsford epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lunsford 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Officer Kenny Lunsford on his selection as the Mount Carmel Police Department's 2006 Officer of the Year, commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Mount Carmel, Tennessee, 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.