

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 872

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to recognize Police Chief Jessie S. Powers on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Chief Jessie Powers, who will step down from the Scotts Hill Police Department on September 1, 2010, after forty outstanding years of service; he is currently the longest-serving Police Chief in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, drafted into the armed forces in 1967, Chief Powers served two years as an Army Combat Engineer in Indo-China during the Vietnam Conflict; and

WHEREAS, in his time working for the City of Scotts Hill, Chief Powers has performed many different services for the people of Scotts Hill, often on a voluntary basis, including acting as a police and waterworks operator, running the water plant, driving the sanitation truck, filling pot holes in city streets, working with teenagers in a summer program, and serving as a volunteer fireman in the department he helped charter for thirty years; and

WHEREAS, a true keeper of the peace, Chief Jessie Powers has striven to be an example for the young people of Scotts Hill and is well-known for his informative lectures; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in the community, Chief Powers has rendered sterling service as a member of the Scotts Hill Lions Club and as a constable in the 7th District of Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, the grateful people of Scotts Hill have considered themselves fortunate to have had such a one-of-a-kind, loyal, and dedicated employee; and

WHEREAS, Chief Powers has established a significant record of leadership and service throughout his career; his record of civic and public service involvement reflects his complete commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Powers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jean; his children, Jason Powers, Johnathan Powers, and Jennifer Harris; his stepchildren, Junior Kilpatrick, Kenny Kilpatrick, Kevin Kilpatrick, and Mary Weems; and his four grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Scotts Hill Police Chief Jessie S. Powers for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Jessie S. Powers our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

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