

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1217

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A RESOLUTION to honor Captain Mike Turner, Ladder 3,  
Nashville Fire Department for his singular act of  
bravery in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of the public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition through service as firefighters and first-responders, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, our friend and colleague, Representative Mike Turner of Nashville is one such noteworthy public servant who, in his capacity as Captain of Ladder 3 for the Nashville Fire Department, courageously responded to countless life-threatening calls during the Nashville Flood; and

WHEREAS, working well past his regular twenty-four hour shift this last weekend as unprecedented flooding swept through Davidson County, Captain Turner and his crew answered countless calls, as he personally was seen on television standing in dangerous flood waters using a make-shift raft to pluck an individual from the treetops on the banks of the flooding Cumberland River; and

WHEREAS, by putting his concern for this gentleman's safety before his own well-being, Captain Turner saved a life with the heroic actions he demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, Captain Turner and the crafty firefighters were able to save the man by using a camping air mattress as a flotation device because they had run out of flotation devices

as the result of the numerous evacuation and rescue calls they answered in the Nashville area;  
and

WHEREAS, during their extended work shift, Captain Mike Turner and his firefighters rescued homeless people out of the Cumberland, rescued people from apartment houses, individual homes, and off the roofs of businesses; and

WHEREAS, the crew also transported over seventy-eight people to a shelter one evening just to return to the same shelter early the next morning when it began to flood, rescuing the same individuals for the second time with help from other first responders and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, never knowing when an ordinary call could put them personally in harms way, Captain Mike Turner and the thousands of heroic firefighters and first responders throughout Tennessee risk their lives daily seeking to assist and rescue the citizens of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Captain Mike Turner of the Nashville Fire Department has performed his duties as a firefighter with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding, and he deserves proper recognition for his heroism as a public servant; 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 hereby honor our friend and colleague, Captain Mike Turner of the Nashville Fire Department, for his meritorious service, commend his heroism in the line of duty, and offer our thanks to him and the entire Nashville Fire Department for a difficult job well done.

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