

HOUSE RESOLUTION 71

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Assistant Special Agent in Charge Harry Sommers of the Drug Enforcement Agency for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, Harry Sommers is one such noteworthy person who served as Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) Tennessee District with the greatest integrity and probity; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the DEA is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States and to bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States, or any other competent jurisdiction, those organizations and principal members of organizations, involved in the growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illicit traffic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sommers was originally assigned to the Tennessee District of the DEA in June of 2000 as the Resident Agent in Charge, and was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge in October 2003; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service with the DEA, he has been the model of efficiency and has earned the admiration and respect of his peers and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after assembling a task force from several Middle Tennessee agencies, he has honorably led the fight against the illicit drug trade thriving in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, through Mr. Sommers' leadership and efforts, the DEA in Tennessee has successfully disrupted the largest drug operations in Tennessee, resulting in numerous arrests and convictions; and

WHEREAS, the heroic actions by Mr. Sommers and the DEA task force have not only been responsible for dismantling several of the largest drug trafficking organizations in Tennessee and destroying large amounts of confiscated illicit drugs, but have also seized millions of dollars in assets that have been shared by agencies throughout Tennessee helping in the fight against illegal narcotics; and

WHEREAS, in his effort to uphold the mission of the DEA, he has shared his valuable time speaking to local governments, civic organizations, and this Legislative Body, educating communities and citizens across the state about the dangers of illegal narcotics and the illicit drug trade; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Mr. Sommers' singular skills, dedication, and leadership abilities, he has been promoted within the DEA and is being reassigned to the field office in Saint Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sommers is an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Assistant Special Agent in Charge Harry Sommers 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, that we hereby honor and commend Assistant Special Agent in Charge Harry Sommers for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, applaud him for helping make this state a safer place for all law abiding citizens, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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