

HOUSE RESOLUTION 296

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Officer John Shearer for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's 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 public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through public service, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Officer John Shearer is one such noteworthy individual who is making immeasurable contributions to his community as a Memphis Police Officer and who exhibits superior standards of professional conduct and ethics; and

WHEREAS, born on March 20, 1982, he is a dedicated member of law enforcement, who began at the Memphis Police Department on April 18, 2011 and is currently assigned to Old Allen Station; and

WHEREAS, Officer Shearer was injured in the line of duty on April 4, 2012, while responding to a carjacking in the area of Drury Way Lane and James Road; and

WHEREAS, when he and his fellow officers located the car, they observed the suspect fleeing the vehicle, at which point they pursued him on foot; and

WHEREAS, a brief struggle ensued, during which the suspect shot Officer Shearer, who returned fire, striking the suspect; and

WHEREAS, Officer John Shearer was transported to the Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and thankfully released; and

WHEREAS, due to his courage and quick thinking, Officer Shearer was able to save his own life and protect the community he so faithfully serves; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those law enforcement officers who have dedicated themselves to protecting and serving their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Officer Shearer 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 for his courage and gallantry as an esteemed member of the local law enforcement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor the valiant Memphis Police Officer John Shearer for his meritorious service in the line of duty, thank him for his ongoing service to the good people of Tennessee, and extend to him our sincerest wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

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