

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 116

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Clarksville Police Officer Seth Paugh for meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, 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; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the police force; and

WHEREAS, Clarksville Police Officer Seth Paugh has served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his heroic efforts in saving a woman from a house fire on the morning of February 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 7:30 a.m., Officer Paugh was out patrolling and heard on his scanner that there was a potential fire at a home in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, when Officer Paugh arrived at the home, he could see smoke coming out; he kicked the door in and crawled in on his hands and knees to pull Janie Inman from the home and carry her to an ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Inman, who suffered smoke inhalation, was transported by ambulance to Gateway Medical Center and then to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where she is currently in critical condition; and

WHEREAS, when Clarksville Fire Rescue arrived at the home, they quickly brought the fire under control in five minutes; an investigation determined that a chair and ottoman had caught on fire, and it appears the origin of the fire may have been a candle that was burning nearby; and

WHEREAS, Officer Paugh performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism, and his service to the Clarksville community and the great State of Tennessee can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Clarksville Police Officer Seth Paugh for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our sincerest gratitude 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.