

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 838

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Assistant Chief Deputy Don Hamblen on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Deputy Don Hamblen of the Wilson County Sheriff's Department is one such estimable person who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens and who will embark upon a much-deserved retirement in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, Don Hamblen became interested in law enforcement at a young age. He accompanied his father, a constable for fifty years, on calls and eventually decided to make law enforcement his life's work; and

WHEREAS, he began his career as a records clerk dispatcher at the Mt. Juliet Police Department in February 1978; two months later, he was promoted to patrol officer and, at the age of eighteen, became the youngest person to accomplish such a feat; and

WHEREAS, he served as a patrol officer until 1981; he then transferred to the detective division and has remained there for nearly thirty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, in his retirement, Assistant Chief Deputy Hamblen plans to spend more time with his wife, Mary, and family and work with his father in their family towing business; and

WHEREAS, Don Hamblen exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Assistant Chief Deputy Don Hamblen has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, fellow officers, and a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Assistant Chief Deputy Don Hamblen for his meritorious service to the people of Wilson County and this State and extend to him 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.