

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 571

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Captain Fred Bennett of the Williamson County Sheriff's Office on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Captain Fred Bennett of the Williamson County Sherriff's Office is one such estimable person who has served with distinction during his career spanning more than thirty-four years in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, as a child, Captain Bennett aspired to be a major league baseball player, but he eventually took a position at the Ford Glass Plant in Nashville until a temporary layoff forced a change in his career path; and

WHEREAS, Fred Bennett joined the Williamson County Sherriff's Office in 1979 as a reserve deputy in a volunteer unit after working with the neighborhood watch in his community, and a year later he officially joined the department as a patrol officer; and

WHEREAS, after ten years on the job, Captain Bennett joined the Franklin Police Department at a time when the department's growing force consisted of only about a dozen officers; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Fred Bennett was invited to return to the Williamson County Sheriff's Office as it adopted new leadership, at which point he took over the office's criminal investigations unit and began tackling cases ranging from vandalism to homicide; and

WHEREAS, Captain Bennett worked under four different sheriffs at three different headquarters over the course of his career; and

WHEREAS, he plans to use his retirement to become involved in local civic groups, spend more time fishing and hunting, and bond with his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Captain Bennett exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Fred Bennett has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Captain Fred Bennett for his thirty-four years of dedicated service in Williamson County law enforcement and congratulate him upon the occasion of his retirement. We extend to him our best wishes for success in all 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.