

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 563

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Bradley County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is blessed with dedicated law enforcement officers who risk their personal safety, even their lives, to protect and serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, police officers are charged with the responsibility of apprehending the perpetrators of crimes that threaten the public safety, and these brave men and women continue to earn our loyalty and appreciation with their heroism and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has vastly improved its crime solvability rates during the past decade from 46.55 percent in 2006 to 65.15 percent in 2016, a mark which is far above the current state average of 40.13 percent of total crimes solved; and

WHEREAS, the BCSO ranks seventh among Tennessee counties in Total Offenses Cleared and is first among counties with a population of more than 100,000 in Total Cases Cleared; and

WHEREAS, these record-setting accomplishments are directly attributable to the hard work and dedication of the BCSO's deputies and the leadership of Sheriff Eric Watson; and

WHEREAS, we wish to extend our gratitude and approbation to the officers of the BCSO for making Bradley County a safer place to live; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Sheriff Eric Watson and the officers of the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for vastly improving the office's crime solvability rates over the past ten years and congratulate them upon ranking first in Total Cases Cleared among large counties.

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