

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 89

By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Officer Eric W. Mumaw
of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety; in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals who face daily the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Officer Eric W. Mumaw of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department was one such outstanding and heroic public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, born on July 22, 1972, in Columbus, Ohio, Eric W. Mumaw earned an Associate of Science degree from Columbus State Community College. He moved to Nashville from Ohio in 1994; and

WHEREAS, a career law enforcement officer, Officer Mumaw joined the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department on August 1, 1998; at the time of his death, he was currently assigned to C Detail at the Madison Precinct under Commander Sebastian Gourdin and enjoyed working the overnight shift; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2017, Officer Eric Mumaw responded to a call about a woman in distress; he died saving her life, having courageously rushed toward danger, instead of away from it; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2017, Officer Mumaw was posthumously awarded the Medal of Valor, the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department's highest honor, by Chief of Police Steve Anderson and Nashville Mayor Megan Barry; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mumaw's badge, No. 849, will be permanently retired and displayed at the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department Training Academy; and

WHEREAS, a true public servant and guardian to the citizens of Nashville, Officer Eric Mumaw was a highly decorated law enforcement officer, having received the Exemplary Service Award in 2003 for actions taken in response to a domestic disturbance and the Department Commendation in 2007 for efforts that led to the arrest of a suspect in a stolen vehicle containing an infant; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mumaw also received the Lifesaving Award in 2011 for saving the life of a man whose roommate was attempting to kill him and the Department Commendation in 2013 for his proactive police work that saved an untold number of lives when he was able to stop a woman who was planning to drive the wrong way onto the interstate in order to take her own life; and

WHEREAS, Eric Mumaw leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in his public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Officer Eric W. Mumaw of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Officer Mumaw.

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