

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe upon being named Tennessee Sheriff of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor and commend those exemplary persons who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve and protect their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such notable individual is Dickson County Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe, who was recently named Sheriff of the Year by the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association (TSA); and

WHEREAS, past winners, board members, and members of the association voted to name Sheriff Bledsoe the top sheriff in the State, an honor most befitting his dedication and tireless service to his fellow citizens; he was recognized at the TSA's annual conference in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe began his career in law enforcement in 1986, graduating from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy Class 516 that same year; during his thirty-one-year tenure, he has served in numerous positions, including as deputy sheriff, patrolman, field training officer, corporal, D.A.R.E. instructor, detective, narcotics detective, state agent, special deputy U.S. Marshal, and sheriff; and

WHEREAS, committed to remaining at the top of his profession through continued training, Sheriff Bledsoe has taken classes through the FBI, TBI, St. Petersburg Community College, U.S. Department of Justice, Tennessee Sheriffs' Association, and National Sheriffs' Association; and

WHEREAS, recently elected to his third term as sheriff of Dickson County, he has shown exceptional leadership and ability while leading his department and county through the search for Baby Joe and the murder of Dickson County Deputy Sergeant Daniel Baker; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe's commitment to the preservation of law and order is a testament to the caliber of citizens that hail from the Volunteer State, and he is a credit not only to Dickson County but to all of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should recognize and applaud Sheriff Bledsoe for receiving this much-deserved award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Dickson County Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe upon being named Sheriff of the Year by the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association, salute his dedication to law and order, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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