

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1270

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Deputy Stephen Michael Reece.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Deputy Stephen Michael Reece of Cheatham County; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Reece was an exemplary public servant and officer of the law who valiantly served and protected his Middle Tennessee neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, born on November 2, 1969, in Carthage, Deputy Stephen Reece was the oldest of three children; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Smith County High School in 1989, Deputy Reece proudly served his nation as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Reece devoted his career to serving as a law enforcement officer; his career spanned three decades, and prior to joining the Cheatham County Sheriff's Office in April 2019, he was an officer with the Metro Nashville Police Department, and served a stint with its Crime Suppression Unit; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Stephen Reece served with the utmost integrity and professionalism, earning the respect and admiration of his peers, superiors, and the citizens of Middle Tennessee for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Reece contributed greatly to the safety of the citizens of Davidson and Cheatham counties, serving with tremendous courage and fortitude, and making a significant impact for the betterment of his community; and

WHEREAS, he was also wholly devoted to his family, and he always remained true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Stephen Reece is survived by his loving wife, Brandi Reece; his son, Jacob Reece; his daughter-in-law, Megan Reece; his step-daughter, Ali Jimerson; his grandchildren, Gracelynn and Silas Reece; his mother, Tanna Shepherd; his sisters, Tori Shepherd and Angie Kirby; and his nieces and nephews, Lexi Wilkerson, Jazalyn Turner, Draven Wilkerson, Seth Wilkerson, and Trevor Dickens; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Reece leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional community leader and human being; 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 honor the memory of Deputy Stephen Michael Reece, 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 Deputy Reece.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.