

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 704

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Trooper Donnie E. Williams of the Tennessee Highway Patrol on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued the time-honored tradition of service in law enforcement, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations and apprehending those who have broken the law; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Donnie E. Williams of the Tennessee Highway Patrol is one such courageous public servant, who took his well-deserved retirement on July 29, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a proud graduate of John Overton High School, Trooper Donnie Williams attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, where he completed Basic Police School, Trooper Cadet School (Class 404), Air Marshal School, active shooter training, and police hand signals training; he was also an instructor for PPCT Defensive Tactics Systems; and

WHEREAS, in his thirty-five-year tenure with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, Trooper Williams specialized in law enforcement, security management, and public relations and was known for his outstanding ability to motivate a team, meet administrative requirements, and respond quickly and efficiently during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Donnie Williams earned a great reputation for developing and maintaining professional relationships and being dependable and trustworthy; in the last twelve years of his career, he did not miss a single day of work; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Williams is grateful for the love and support of his parents, Thomas and Delores Williams, who were proud to see their son retire at the pinnacle of his career; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Trooper Williams, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Williams epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Trooper Donnie Williams for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in the Tennessee Highway Patrol; 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 thank Trooper Donnie E. Williams for his meritorious service to the citizens of this State and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.