

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1489

By Taylor

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Officer Joseph "Rusty" McKinney of the Memphis Police Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Officer Joseph "Rusty" McKinney of the Memphis Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Joseph McKinney was killed in the line of duty on April 12, 2024, when he and his fellow officers from the Memphis Police Department answered the call on a report of a suspicious vehicle; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Memphis Police Department since February 2020, Officer Rusty McKinney graduated from the Training Academy in July 2020 and was first assigned to the Mt. Moriah Station before being transferred to the Raines Station; and

WHEREAS, Officer McKinney possessed a strong work ethic and a positive attitude, and his last day on Earth mirrored every work day before it in that he was faithfully protecting and serving the good citizens of Memphis to the best of his considerable abilities; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, he was a member of the 2016 graduating class of Munford High School, where he played in the Munford band; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and loving father, Officer Rusty McKinney leaves behind a wife and a daughter; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rusty McKinney brought great credit to the badge and uniform of the Memphis Police Department, and it is only fitting that we should pay tribute to his life on this sad occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Officer Joseph "Rusty"

McKinney of the Memphis Police Department, reflecting upon his enduring legacy as a dedicated law enforcement officer who lost his life while serving his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Officer McKinney.

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.