

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1569

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize the seventy-fifth annual Armed Forces Parade in Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, celebrated each year on the third Saturday in May, Armed Forces Day is a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all six branches of the U.S. military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and the newly created Space Force; and

WHEREAS, the day honors all those who have served or are currently serving in our nation's Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, and, whether they are on active duty or in the National Guard or Reserves; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2024, Chattanooga and the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council will host the seventy-fifth installment of their Armed Forces Parade, the longest continuously running parade in the nation to commemorate Armed Forces Day; and

WHEREAS, Chattanooga's own Four-Star General B.B. Bell, U.S. Army (Retired) will serve as the parade marshal as well as the keynote speaker at the luncheon following the parade; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is an opportunity to thank our military men and women for their selfless sacrifice in defense of the priceless freedom and liberty our nation holds dear; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is always at the forefront of patriotism, and this observance is no exception; 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 recognize the seventy-fifth annual Armed Forces Parade in Chattanooga on May 3, 2024, and pay tribute to the patriots who risk their lives, sometimes giving their last full measure of devotion, to preserve the vision of our forebears and the freedoms we enjoy today.

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.