



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 644

By Representatives Hurley, Hawk, Lundberg, Hill, Campbell, Harwell, Ford and Madam Speaker Harwell

and

Senators Ford, Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Tony Shipley for his courage and resourcefulness.

WHEREAS, over much of its history, Tennessee has been known as the "Volunteer State," because it has been the home of so many valiant men, women, and children who have responded with great courage and strength of character in times of trouble and adversity, whether in war or peace; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is State Representative Tony Shipley, who acted with honor and resourcefulness to save the life of a man who was experiencing a seizure; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2012, a thirty-four year old Dallas man, who was in town for his employer's national sales meeting, went into convulsions in an apparent seizure at a downtown Nashville hotel; and

WHEREAS, at a time when many health care professionals are afraid to assist in similar situations due to fear of lawsuits, Representative Shipley cast aside all concerns over personal reprisal and quickly maneuvered his way through the panicked crowd; and

WHEREAS, with great presence of mind, Tony Shipley kept the young man's airway open until the seizure was over and the Nashville Fire Department had arrived; and

WHEREAS, a proud and honorable veteran of the United States Air Force, Tony Shipley has served with acumen and alacrity as a paramedic since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Representative Shipley is also an exemplary and conscientious public servant who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his constituents in the 2nd House District as a member of the 106th and 107th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Tony Shipley responded to the needs of his fellow citizen with great bravery and ability and deserves proper recognition for his heroism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Representative Tony Shipley for his outstanding demonstration of skill, courage, resourcefulness, and presence of mind, as we join with the citizens of Tennessee in expressing our admiration and appreciation for his heroic actions in saving the life of another. We offer our best wishes to Representative Shipley for every success and happiness in the future.

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

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ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 16, 2012



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 22nd day of February 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR