



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 387

By Representatives Kevin Brooks, Ramsey

and

Senator Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Colonel James M. Rushing on his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Colonel James M. Rushing served with distinction as Commander, Southeast Region, Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary from May 23, 2007, to May 23, 2011, and previously as Commander of the Tennessee Wing from November 2, 2002, to March 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Colonel James Rushing served on the National Executive Committee and the National Board of Directors of the Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary from May 23, 2007, to May 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Rushing diligently represented the Civil Air Patrol to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Region IV, the First Air Force and numerous other agencies; and

WHEREAS, Colonel James Rushing tirelessly advocated the Civil Air Patrol's unique capabilities and assistance in the planning for response scenarios to various natural and manmade disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Rushing served as the Civil Air Patrol representative to the military planning cell for Exercise Ardent Sentry 2011, the U.S. military portion of the 2011 National Level Exercise; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished member of the Civil Air Patrol's Governance Committee, Colonel James Rushing has served on the Civil Air Patrol Diversity Committee and as Chair of the Civil Air Patrol Adverse Action Committee; and

WHEREAS, as Southeast Region Commander, he continually fostered cooperation and interoperability among the Civil Air Patrol Regions, Wings and state agencies, such as the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), responsible for planning for, and successfully responding to, an earthquake in the New Madrid Fault Zone; and

WHEREAS, as Southeast Region Commander, Colonel Rushing provided overall direction and management of the Civil Air Patrol response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, the largest Civil Air Patrol operation since World War II; and

WHEREAS, his leadership proved to the Deep Water Horizon Unified Command that the Civil Air Patrol could function as a cohesive organization during a sustained national emergency; and

WHEREAS, as Coordinator of the original New Madrid Affinity Group and the subsequent Disaster Relief Affinity Group, he assumed personal responsibility for completing Civil Air Patrol's "New Madrid Seismic Zone National Response Plan"; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the collective action of the Officers, Senior Members, and Cadets of the Southeast Region are in keeping with the highest traditions of selfless service to the Nation; and

WHEREAS, being a native son of the Great State of Tennessee, Colonel Rushing's leadership and service to this State and the Nation has consistently demonstrated the first virtues of our State, ever being the exemplar of the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

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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 hereby honor and commend Colonel James M. Rushing on his resolute and meritorious service to the good people of Tennessee as Southeast Regional Commander of the Civil Air Patrol and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in all 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.

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ADOPTED: MAY 11, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR