RESOLUTION NO. 313

BE IS RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL GOES ON PUBLIC RECORD AS BEING IN SUPPORT OF THE TENNESSEE GUARD AND RESERVE FORCES.

- WHEREAS, the importance of the Reserve and Guard Forces is recognized as vital to the National Defense of the Nation, since these patriotic men and women compromise 50% of the total force; and
- WHEREAS, if these volunteer Forces are to continue to serve our Nation increased public understanding of the essential role of the guard and Reserve in preserving our national security is required. In addition, it is important to have the cooperation of all American employers in encouraging the employee participation in the Guard and Reserve Forces, then

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, that the Town of Mount Carmel proclaims that any soldier, airman, sailor, marine, or member of the Coast Guard who is in the Guard or Reserve and is employed by the Town of Mount Carmel shall not suffer in any way due to their service in the Guard or Reserve with respect to their employment with the Town of Mount Carmel upon return from active duty after release of any call up of such forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen extend the gratitude of the town of Mount Carmel to all those persons who have served in the Reserve and Guard Forces of the United States of America and our appreciation to those who will serve in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town pledges that:

- 1. Employment will not be denied because of service in the Guard or Reserve.
- 2. Employee job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced because of service in the Guard or Reserve.
- 3. Employees will be guaranteed Leave of Absence for military training in the Guard or Reserve, consistent with existing laws, without sacrifice of vacation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve be prominently displayed in City Hall as Testimony of the Town's support for the Guard and Reserve as part of the total force of the United States.

Duly passed and approved this the <u>35</u> day of January, 2005.

GARY W. VAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

NANCY CARTER/City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LAW OFFICE OF MAY & COUP

FIRST READING	AYES	NAYS	OTHER
Alderman Henry Bailey	V		
Vice-Mayor Eugene Christian	1		
Mayor Gary Lawson	V		
Alderman Tresa Mawk	/		
Alderman Thomas Wheeler	1		
Alderman Carl Wolfe	V		
Alderman Wanda Worley	V		
TOTALS			

PASSED: $1-35-05$	