

MEDAL OF VALOR CEREMONY

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NORTH CAROLINA GENRAL ASSEMBLY

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Thank you all for gathering here today for this momentous occasion.

I'd like to acknowledge the state officials and law enforcement officers present to honor Lt. Lyndsey Moses-Winnings for her remarkable actions.

Today, we pay tribute to someone who embodies the essence of strength, determination, and selflessness. It is with great honor and humility that I stand before you to recognize Lt. Moses-Winnings, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to her fellow citizens and community.

Law enforcement officers play a vital role in maintaining safety and order within our communities. Their dedication upholds the rule of law, responding to emergencies without hesitation.

Every day, our officers leave their families to protect ours, facing risks and challenges with unwavering resolve. Their commitment often involves significant sacrifices, yet their impact on our lives and society is profound and inspiring.

The Medal of Valor is a testament to the steadfast dedication and sacrifice demonstrated by those who serve proudly. We created this award with the General Assembly to honor those who display extraordinary bravery in the face of danger and commitment to the greater good.

They remind us that in the darkest moments, there is a light fueled by the indomitable human spirit.

Lt. Moses-Winnings is a deserving hero to be the first recipient of this symbol of gratitude from her community and our state.

On Friday, October 1, 2021, members of the Craven County Sheriff's Office responded to an incident involving an involuntary commitment order. During this attempt, the individual revealed a handgun and opened fire, critically wounding a deputy.

Lt. Moses-Winnings promptly confronted the shooter, successfully disarmed them, and prevented further harm to her colleagues. Her actions that day unquestionably saved

the life of the injured deputy, who would have otherwise remained in danger.

Her exceptional heroism and unwavering commitment merit recognition with the North Carolina Medal of Valor.

We also extend our gratitude and well wishes to the injured deputy. His actions exemplify the selfless service and dedication to public safety that define law enforcement. We are eternally thankful he is still with us today.

As I award the Medal of Valor to Lt. Moses-Winnings, let us honor her deeds and reaffirm our gratitude and support for all who serve and protect.

Let us stand together, recognizing that acts of heroism and compassion define us as a nation. I offer my deepest respect and admiration to Lt. Moses-Winnings and all first responders. May your extraordinary deeds inspire generations to come, and may your legacy serve as a guiding light for all who follow in your footsteps.

Thank you for your service, your commitment, and your unwavering dedication to duty, honor, and courage. God bless you, God bless America, and God bless North Carolina.