

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Officer Kevin Pyeatt has been named Police Officer
2 of the Year by the Abilene Crime Stoppers organization for his
3 commitment to his profession and his community; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Lawton, Oklahoma, he was born on June 9,
5 1971, into a military family and lived in Texas, Alabama, Fort Knox,
6 Fort Sill, and Germany during his youth; in 1994, he graduated from
7 Cameron University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and
8 joined the Abilene Police Department the following year; and

9 WHEREAS, This esteemed lawman was chosen to be a field
10 training officer in 1999, and the following year he became the K9
11 handler of Rocky, a 9-year-old, 115-pound German shepherd trained
12 in narcotics, tracking, article search, criminal apprehension, and
13 handler protection; today, Officer Pyeatt ranks as the unit's
14 senior K9 handler and has assisted in the selection and training of
15 three new K9 teams; and

16 WHEREAS, In recognition of their expertise as a K9 team,
17 Officer Pyeatt and Rocky won second place in narcotics competition
18 in 2000, a gold medal in vehicle narcotics and a bronze medal in
19 "Top Dog" competition in the 2001 Police Olympics, and a
20 first-place award in 2002 competition; and

21 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Officer Pyeatt enjoys the love
22 and support of his family, including his devoted wife, Terri, and
23 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pyeatt; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary eight-year career

1 with the Abilene Police Department, Officer Pyeatt has forged a
2 record of meritorious service, loyalty, personal bravery, and
3 self-sacrifice consistent with the highest ideals of the law
4 enforcement profession; his work has helped to reduce crime in his
5 community, and he and his partner remain an inspiration to all who
6 are privileged to work with them; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Kevin Pyeatt for being named Police
9 Officer of the Year by the Abilene Crime Stoppers organization and
10 commend him for his steadfast commitment to the public welfare;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Officer Pyeatt as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 839

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 839 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House