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H.C.R. No. 3

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State is home to thousands of brave men
2 and women who have taken the oath to protect and serve the public,
3 and these dedicated law enforcement officers must often place
4 themselves in harm's way to safeguard the lives of their fellow
5 citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, On February 24, 2005, 12 members of Tyler's law
7 enforcement community risked possible death or grave injury while
8 attempting to subdue an armed assailant, outfitted with body armor
9 and a semiautomatic weapon, on the grounds of the Smith County
10 Courthouse; and

11 WHEREAS, The immediate and well-coordinated response of
12 these courageous individuals, who willingly entered the line of
13 fire, prevented additional loss of life after two individuals were
14 killed during the initial assault; the unexpected attack and the
15 subsequent gunfight also resulted in four others being injured; and

16 WHEREAS, The six members of the Tyler Police Department who
17 intervened in the incident include Detective Clay Perrett, traffic
18 officers Mike Gray and Jason Seeton, Officer Hal Schlattner,
19 Officer Wayne Allen, and Sergeant Russell Jacks; and

20 WHEREAS, Representatives from the Smith County Sheriff's
21 Department who helped bring down the gunman were Sergeant Alan
22 Langston, Lieutenant Marlin Suell, Deputy Michael Strickland,
23 Deputy John Smith, and Deputy Sherman Dollison; Deputy Dollison was
24 seriously wounded in the attack but is improving daily; and

1 WHEREAS, Also involved in this violent and frightening
2 altercation was Smith County District Attorney Investigator Jim
3 Castle; and

4 WHEREAS, Thanks to the actions of these outstanding law
5 enforcement professionals, untold lives were spared on that
6 February day, and the citizens of Tyler owe a tremendous debt of
7 gratitude to these brave men; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby honor these dedicated law enforcement officers for
10 protecting their fellow citizens and extend best wishes to those
11 who were injured for a full and speedy recovery; and, be it further

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