

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Brian J. Burzynski of the Texas Ranger
2 Division of the Department of Public Safety has rendered
3 exceptional service to the residents of this state through his
4 decisive efforts to investigate allegations of abuse at a Texas
5 Youth Commission facility; and

6 WHEREAS, Alerted to a potential situation taking place at the
7 West Texas State School in Pyote, Sergeant Burzynski conducted an
8 investigation and set in motion events that would ultimately bring
9 the matter out into the open; in so doing, he contacted local,
10 state, and federal authorities and delivered compelling testimony
11 before the Joint Select Committee on the Operation and Management
12 of the Texas Youth Commission; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Burzynski's determined pursuit of justice
14 in this case is in keeping with the skill and dedication that he has
15 demonstrated throughout his career; a military veteran, he joined
16 the U.S. Army in 1989 as an intelligence analyst and, over the next
17 four years, served in Germany, in Saudi Arabia during Desert
18 Shield, in Iraq and Kuwait during Desert Storm, and finally in the
19 Foreign Material Intelligence Battalion at Aberdeen Proving Ground
20 in Maryland; following his military service, he enrolled in the
21 Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy, where he earned the
22 Walter Eubanks outstanding graduate award in 1995; he subsequently
23 spent four years with the Hereford Police Department, rising to the
24 rank of detective, and was named the 1997 Officer of the Year; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2000, Sergeant Burzynski graduated from the
2 Department of Public Safety Academy and joined the Highway Patrol
3 Division, where he received numerous awards for his service; in
4 2004, his performance won him a place among the elite ranks of the
5 Texas Rangers, and in 2006, he was awarded the Master Peace Officer
6 designation, which honors the completion of 4,000 hours of law
7 enforcement training; and

8 WHEREAS, During his testimony before the joint select
9 committee, Sergeant Burzynski recalled his interviews with the
10 young men who had suffered abuse at the TYC facility: "I promised
11 each one of those victims that I would not fail them," Sergeant
12 Burzynski stated; in keeping that vow and pursuing justice, Brian
13 Burzynski has proven himself a law enforcement officer of great
14 determination and integrity, and it is a pleasure to recognize him
15 for his outstanding service to the State of Texas; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby honor Sergeant Brian J. Burzynski of the Texas Rangers and
19 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Sergeant Burzynski as an expression of high regard by
23 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 235 was adopted by the House on May 14, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 235 was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2007, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor