

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The courage and decisiveness of Officer Christopher
2 M. Sellers of the Houston Police Department have been recognized
3 with the 2008 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for
4 Valor; and

5 WHEREAS, A law enforcement professional with 13 years of
6 experience, Officer Sellers was visiting an apartment complex with
7 his partner on the morning of September 17, 2008, when he heard a
8 child screaming for help; and

9 WHEREAS, Following the screams, Officer Sellers came into an
10 alley and found a man with a sawed-off shotgun grabbing a young boy;
11 when the officer tried to reach the boy, the assailant held on and
12 pointed his weapon at the boy's head; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Sellers fired on and wounded the suspect,
14 who released the boy and fell to his knees; as his partner helped
15 the boy, Officer Sellers ordered the suspect to drop his gun, and
16 when the man refused, the officer was forced to fire again; and

17 WHEREAS, The suspect was a drug user with a history of
18 threatening the children in the neighborhood; in this difficult and
19 dangerous situation, Officer Sellers put the safety of the young
20 boy above all else, and his swift and decisive action saved the life
21 of the child and made the neighborhood safer; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Officer Christopher Sellers on his
24 receipt of the 2008 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement

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1 Award for Valor and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
2 future; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Officer Sellers as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2289 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House