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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deputy K. C. Simpson and Deputy Jerry S. "Steven"
2 White of the Potter County Sheriff's Office are receiving a 2010
3 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Valor from the
4 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
5 Education; and

6 WHEREAS, Deputies Simpson and White demonstrated great
7 courage and initiative in response to a tragic crime spree that
8 occurred one evening that year; and

9 WHEREAS, The Potter County Sheriff's Office was alerted that
10 a man had attempted to abduct a woman at gunpoint from a gas station
11 and, failing, had driven to another gas station, where he shot and
12 killed a grandmother who had struggled with him to prevent him from
13 abducting her granddaughter; the man then fled the scene toward a
14 rural area; he approached two young girls who were walking down the
15 road and forced one into his truck; and

16 WHEREAS, Deputy Simpson, a three-year peace officer at the
17 time, used his knowledge of rural Potter County to quickly find the
18 suspect; the deputy followed the man's truck while waiting for
19 backup units to arrive; and

20 WHEREAS, Deputy White, a peace officer with 17 years'
21 experience, also responded to the call, and as he approached the
22 suspect, the girl leapt from the moving truck; thinking the girl had
23 been murdered and pushed out, Deputy White swung his vehicle in
24 front of the truck; the suspect attempted to flee while firing at

1 the officers; Deputy White fired back, finally ending the rampage;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The bravery, skill, and swift response of Deputies
4 Simpson and White brought a horrific series of events to a decisive
5 end, and this prestigious award is truly a fitting recognition of
6 the heroic actions of these two outstanding officers; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Deputy K. C. Simpson and Deputy
10 Jerry S. "Steven" White on their receipt of a 2010 State of Texas
11 Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Valor and extend to them
12 sincere appreciation for their steadfast devotion to duty; and, be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Deputies Simpson and White as an expression of high
16 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.