

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 136

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Senior Corporal James David Byas of the Dallas
2 Police Department has been named the 2014 Cops' Cop Officer of the
3 Year by the Dallas Police Association, providing a fitting
4 opportunity to pay tribute to this dedicated peace officer; and

5 WHEREAS, J. D. Byas joined the Dallas Police Department in
6 August 1985, and he served with the Northwest Patrol Division
7 before joining the SWAT team; exceptionally skilled in
8 negotiations, he has earned the respect and admiration of his
9 fellow officers for his ability to maintain a calm and professional
10 demeanor in crisis situations; he has been invited by the FBI Dallas
11 Division, the Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators, and other
12 organizations to train law enforcement personnel in all aspects of
13 SWAT operations; he also delivers lectures on crisis negotiations
14 at the DPD Police Academy and is involved in rifle and SWAT
15 training; a mentor to many younger officers, he has demonstrated
16 outstanding initiative and leadership throughout his 30-year
17 career and has received numerous commendations from his peers and
18 outside agencies; and

19 WHEREAS, A longtime member of the Dallas Police Association,
20 Corporal Byas has served the organization as director and vice
21 president, and he currently oversees member services; moreover, he
22 represents the DPA in officer-related shootings, and he has
23 volunteered to serve as a liaison between the association and
24 injured officers and their families; and

1 WHEREAS, The Cops' Cop award is given to those law
2 enforcement professionals who serve with integrity and skill, and
3 Senior Corporal J. D. Byas truly represents Dallas's finest; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Senior Corporal James David Byas on
7 his selection as the 2014 Cops' Cop Officer of the Year and extend
8 to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his important
9 work; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Senior Corporal Byas as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.