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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In the summer of 2014, the skill and bravery of Brent  
2 Crossley and Vance Griffin of the Texas Department of Public Safety  
3 helped lead to the apprehension of a dangerous suspect; and

4           WHEREAS, On August 18, 2014, Pilot Investigator Crossley and  
5 Tactical Flight Officer Griffin took to the air by helicopter from  
6 Waco with another tactical flight officer from Garland in order to  
7 assist in a manhunt; and

8           WHEREAS, The suspect had fired on peace officers, and  
9 Officers Crossley and Griffin flew to a remote, wooded area of the  
10 Hill Country, where they located and engaged with the suspect in  
11 order to draw his fire away from other law enforcement  
12 professionals on the ground; thanks in large measure to the swift  
13 and courageous action of the men in the helicopter, the suspect was  
14 arrested; and

15           WHEREAS, In recognition of their vital role in this  
16 successful operation, Officers Crossley and Griffin each received a  
17 Director's Citation from Texas DPS Director Steven McCraw at a  
18 ceremony in Austin on December 18, 2014; and

19           WHEREAS, The men and women of Texas law enforcement regularly  
20 put themselves in harm's way in order to preserve the peace and  
21 protect the public, and with their actions on that fateful day,  
22 Brent Crossley and Vance Griffin amply demonstrated their  
23 commitment to the highest ideals of the Texas Department of Public  
24 Safety; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby commend Pilot Investigator Brent Crossley and  
3 Tactical Flight Officer Vance Griffin for their actions on August  
4 18, 2014, and congratulate them on their receipt of Director's  
5 Citations from the Texas Department of Public Safety; and, be it  
6 further

7           RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
8 for Officers Crossley and Griffin as an expression of high regard by  
9 the Texas House of Representatives.