

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In a gesture of kindness that has won the hearts of
2 many, Senior Corporal Damon Cole of the Dallas Police Department
3 traveled nearly 700 miles to pay a special visit to a young boy with
4 cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the department since 2008, Corporal Cole
6 serves as a volunteer with Heroes, Cops and Kids, a nonprofit group
7 of Dallas police officers who don superhero costumes and appear at
8 parades, school assemblies, and other events as a way to reach out
9 to children; officers take part in the endeavor during their
10 off-duty hours and pay for costumes and other expenses with their
11 own funds; and

12 WHEREAS, Corporal Cole was inspired to expand his volunteer
13 efforts northward after seeing an online picture of Bryce Schottel,
14 who is being treated for lymphoma, wearing a Superman costume for
15 Halloween; after making the 11-hour trip to Smithton, Illinois, to
16 meet the seven-year-old, Corporal Cole arrived on the Schottels'
17 doorstep in full Superman attire, much to the elation of young
18 Bryce; and

19 WHEREAS, The captivating visit included a ride in Corporal
20 Cole's "Superman-mobile," a decorated Dodge Charger, and the
21 surprise reveal of the officer's other alter ego, "Iron Man";
22 Corporal Cole also ventured out to a fund-raiser for Bryce at his
23 elementary school; before bidding farewell, he left the delighted
24 youngster with an action figure and one of his spare capes as

1 mementos of the encounter with his comic book idols; and

2 WHEREAS, For an unforgettable few hours, Damon Cole lifted
3 the spirits of a child in need, and his selfless actions have made
4 him a hero to the Schottel family and a source of inspiration to his
5 community and beyond; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commend Senior Corporal Damon Cole of the Dallas
8 Police Department for his heartening deed and extend to him warmest
9 best wishes for continued success with his charitable work; and, be
10 it further

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

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H.R. No. 3202

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3202 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House