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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Adam Johnson of the Austin Police
2 Department demonstrated great courage and composure on November 28,
3 2014, when he stopped a shooting rampage taking place in the streets
4 of Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, At 2:22 a.m. on that Friday morning, an armed man
6 began an assault against three government buildings in downtown
7 Austin; carrying two long rifles, he initially fired at the guard
8 shack of the U.S. Federal Court Building, and he then tried to blow
9 up the Mexican Consulate with an improvised bomb, which caused a
10 fire but failed to destroy the building; next, the suspect attacked
11 the headquarters building of the Austin Police Department, firing
12 at windows and causing the officers and civilian employees inside
13 to take cover; and

14 WHEREAS, At the moment the suspect began attacking APD
15 headquarters, Sergeant Johnson, a member of the department's
16 mounted patrol, was putting two horses into a trailer in the parking
17 garage across the street; holding the reins of the horses with one
18 hand, he drew his sidearm with the other; while under fire from the
19 suspect, the sergeant fired a single shot that hit the man from a
20 distance of 104 yards, ending the violence; apart from the suspect,
21 there were no other casualties; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the course of the incident, the suspect fired
23 hundreds of rounds of ammunition, putting at risk not only the
24 officers and staff of the Austin police headquarters, but also

1 countless civilians in downtown Austin at that time, and Sergeant
2 Johnson's quick, decisive, and heroic action helped to avert what
3 could have been a terrible tragedy; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Sergeant Adam Johnson for his bravery
6 and dispatch in safeguarding citizens of Austin on November 28,
7 2014, and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success
8 with his important work; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Sergeant Johnson as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.