

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ben Cruz was honored as the 2016 Southside Place
2 Police Officer of the Year at a city council meeting on February 14,
3 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Cruz began his career in law enforcement as
5 a telecommunicator, and since graduating from the police academy,
6 he has served as a peace officer and patrolman; he joined the
7 Southside Place Police Department in March 2011, and he has proven
8 himself a vital member of the department's team, receiving
9 exemplary evaluations throughout his tenure; and

10 WHEREAS, In September 2016, Officer Cruz responded to an
11 active shooter incident, and he played an instrumental role helping
12 victims and assisting with emergency procedures; in November, he
13 was responsible for the apprehension of a suspect who fled a crime
14 scene in the neighboring city of Houston; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of the law enforcement profession place
16 themselves in harm's way each day to safeguard the lives and
17 property of their fellow citizens, and through his extraordinary
18 professionalism and dedication to his work, Officer Ben Cruz has
19 earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the
20 community at large; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Ben Cruz on his selection as the
23 2016 Southside Place Police Officer of the Year and extend to him
24 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

H.R. No. 1312

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Officer Cruz as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.

Davis of Harris

H.R. No. 1312

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1312 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House