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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

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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.