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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In an extraordinary act of heroism, Sergeant Robert
2 Wayne Watson Jr. of the Dallas Police Department placed himself in
3 harm's way to save the life of a fellow first responder during a
4 deadly standoff on May 1, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, On that day, Sergeant Watson and other Dallas police
6 officers were called to a chaotic scene in East Dallas where a man,
7 armed with a semiautomatic rifle, had shot and killed his roommate
8 before wounding a neighbor; the gunman proceeded to open fire on
9 arriving paramedics, one of whom was struck and critically injured;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Before he and other officers were forced to take
12 cover, Sergeant Watson was able to wound the gunman with a shotgun
13 blast, causing the individual to retreat into his home; this
14 allowed Sergeant Watson and two other officers enough time to pull
15 the paramedic, who had suffered severe blood loss, into the
16 sergeant's squad car so that he could be rushed to the hospital;
17 other officers rescued the neighbor, and both of the victims
18 wounded in the shooting are alive today thanks in part to the
19 courageous efforts of Sergeant Watson; and

20 WHEREAS, A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Robert Watson
21 initially moved to Dallas in 2003 to pursue an education in the
22 ministry; after serving as the youth pastor at Urban Park Assembly
23 of God in Dallas, he began his career with the Dallas Police
24 Department in May 2005; in all his endeavors, he is supported by the

1 love and affection of a fine family that includes his wife of 15
2 years, Amy, and their children, Langston, Naysa, and Gideon; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Robert Watson's valiant response to a
4 deadly crisis went above and beyond the call of duty, helping to
5 avert what could have been an even greater tragedy, and he is indeed
6 deserving of our profound respect and gratitude; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Sergeant Robert Wayne Watson Jr. for his
10 exceptional bravery in rescuing a fellow first responder during an
11 active-shooter incident and extend to him sincere best wishes for
12 the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Sergeant Watson as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.