

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 575

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2015, State District Judge Julie Kocurek was the target of an assassination attempt in the driveway of her West Austin home; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kocurek was at the time in the company of her 17-year-old son, Will, and other family members; in a display of selfless courage, Will Kocurek placed himself between the assassin and his mother to shield her from further harm; and

WHEREAS, Thanks in large part to the courage of her son, Judge Kocurek survived the attempt on her life; despite undergoing 26 surgeries over the course of 40 days in the hospital, she was determined to show that the administration of justice would not be hindered by violence, and she returned to the bench to continue doing the vital job for which she was elected; and

WHEREAS, This near-tragic event brought to light the lack of security measures in place for the members of the state's judiciary; to address this deficit, Senate Bill 42, also known as the Judge Julie Kocurek Judicial and Courthouse Security Act of 2017, is being considered by the Texas Senate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Will Kocurek for his bravery and quick thinking in the face of mortal danger and Judge Julie Kocurek for her commitment to equal justice under the law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Watson, Zaffirini

Bettencourt	Hinojosa	Perry
Birdwell	Huffines	Rodríguez
Buckingham	Huffman	Schwertner
Burton	Hughes	Seliger
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Garcia	Miles	West
Hall	Nelson	Whitmire
Hancock	Nichols	

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 4, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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