

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 691

**WHEREAS**, America's Defenders Foundation in McKinney is hosting its annual Thin Blue Line Ball on April 29, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Organized in 2015 by the foundation's president Mike Rumfield and his wife Lailani, the Thin Blue Line Ball is held to celebrate the work of law enforcement officers who devote their lives to protecting the safety and welfare of the public and to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities; the first event drew an attendance of more than 125 officers and spouses, and this year, it is expected to attract between 300 and 400 attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, The Thin Blue Line Ball consists of an honor guard presentation, ceremonies, and an appearance by a keynote speaker, as well as dinner and entertainment, and at the 2017 event, the inaugural Spartan Award is being presented to recognize a law enforcement officer who has performed with valor and distinction in situations of great difficulty; through corporate and private sponsorships, a raffle, and a silent auction, the ball also allows America's Defenders Foundation to raise funds in behalf of its year-round mission to provide support for disabled veterans and police families; and

**WHEREAS**, All citizens owe a debt of gratitude to those who answer the noble calling of law enforcement, and the Thin Blue Line Ball is paying well-deserved tribute to the courage, commitment, and sacrifice of these exceptional men and women; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 2017 Thin Blue Line Ball and extend sincere best wishes to all those in attendance for a meaningful and memorable evening; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for America's Defenders Foundation as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate