

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, From March 2 to March 21, 2018, the city of Austin  
2 was gripped by a series of seemingly random bombings, which ushered  
3 in a state of fear and vigilance in the community and called forth a  
4 highly coordinated multiagency response to bring the perpetrator of  
5 these heinous crimes to justice; and

6           WHEREAS, The bombs, which took the lives of Anthony Stephan  
7 House and Draylen Mason and injured five other people, followed no  
8 apparent pattern, were delivered to targets all across the city,  
9 and varied in their trigger methods, from a string of package  
10 explosives to the eventual use of a tripwire; the unpredictable  
11 nature of the attacks posed a complex challenge to investigators  
12 with the Austin Police Department, led by then-interim police chief  
13 Brian Manley; further assistance was provided by the Federal Bureau  
14 of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and  
15 Explosives, and hundreds of local and state police and federal  
16 agents were assigned to the case as it built to its crescendo; and

17           WHEREAS, A trail of evidence uncovered by police eventually  
18 led to the identification of the suspect and a standoff in the  
19 nearby city of Round Rock on March 21; as SWAT team officers closed  
20 in on the man, he committed suicide by detonating a final explosive  
21 in his vehicle, bringing the harrowing incident to its conclusion  
22 with no additional fatalities; and

23           WHEREAS, Countless individuals from a host of organizations  
24 and units contributed their skills to the investigation; those

1 deserving of special recognition for their efforts include members  
2 of the Austin Police Department SWAT Team who were present on the  
3 scene during the fraught final moments of the manhunt: Katrina  
4 Pruitt, Brannon Ellsworth, Robert Justesen, Vincent Garcia,  
5 William Jackman, Pat O'Connor, Leighton Radtke, Jon Abbott, Mike  
6 Ridge, Jeff Kingsley, Jared Hidalgo, and Tandy Perkins; and

7       WHEREAS, A number of bomb technicians also risked their lives  
8 examining and neutralizing the numerous suspicious packages and  
9 devices that were discovered over a period of weeks; they included  
10 members of the Austin PD Bomb Squad, Courtney Renfro, Jeff Dwyer,  
11 Jesse Carrillo, Caine Johnson, Jay McCormick, Josh Euhus, Jeff  
12 Joseph, George Ewing, Rob Nunez, Kent Collins, Scott Rhoads, and  
13 Troy Wiser; members of the Texas Department of Public Safety Bomb  
14 Squad, Thomas Kovacs, Raymond Real, Donnie Bolton, and Andrew  
15 Martinez; members of the San Antonio Bomb Squad, Jeremy Swindells,  
16 Chad Culp, Jon Sarno, Matthew Armstrong, Jason Alberthal, and Jason  
17 Lemcke; and members of the Houston Bomb Squad, Alton Baker, Greg  
18 Smith, and Jason Countryman; and

19       WHEREAS, Tasked with ending a reign of terror that threatened  
20 to claim many more lives, these men and women met the challenge  
21 before them with tremendous skill and courage, and they have earned  
22 the heartfelt gratitude of the citizens of Austin and the entire  
23 State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby honor the SWAT team and bomb squad members who  
3 responded to the 2018 Austin bombings and extend to them sincere  
4 best wishes for continued success with their important work.

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Bonnen of Brazoria	Guerra	Noble
Allen	Guillen	Oliverson
Allison	Gutierrez	Ortega
Anchia	Harless	Pacheco
Anderson	Harris	Paddie
Ashby	Hefner	Parker
Bailes	Hernandez	Patterson
Beckley	Herrero	Paul
Bell of Kaufman	Hinojosa	Perez
Bell of Montgomery	Holland	Phelan
Bernal	Howard	Price
Biedermann	Huberty	Ramos
Blanco	Hunter	Raney
Bohac	Israel	Raymond
Bonnen of Galveston	E. Johnson of Dallas	Reynolds
Bowers	J. Johnson of Dallas	Rodriguez
Buckley	Johnson of Harris	Romero, Jr.
Bucy	Kacal	Rose
Burns	King of Hemphill	Rosenthal
Burrows	King of Parker	Sanford
Button	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Cain	Klick	Shaheen
Calanni	Krause	Sheffield
Canales	Kuempel	Sherman, Sr.
Capriglione	Lambert	Shine
Clardy	Landgraf	Smith
Cole	Lang	Smithee
Coleman	Larson	Springer
Collier	Leach	Stephenson
Cortez	Leman	Stickland
Craddick	Longoria	Stucky
Cyrrier	Lopez	Swanson
Darby	Lozano	Talarico
Davis of Dallas	Lucio III	Thierry
Davis of Harris	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dean	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Deshotel	Metcalf	Tinderholt
Dominguez	Meyer	Toth
Dutton	Meza	Turner of Dallas
Farrar	Middleton	Turner of Tarrant
Fierro	Miller	VanDeaver
Flynn	Minjarez	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morales	White
Geren	Morrison	Wilson
Gervin-Hawkins	Muñoz, Jr.	Wray
Goldman	Murphy	Wu
González of Dallas	Murr	Zedler
González of El Paso	Neave	Zerwas
Goodwin	Nevárez	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 747 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House