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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, the United States of America
2 witnessed one of the most disturbing episodes in its history, when a
3 mob of thousands of rioters breached the U.S. Capitol and unleashed
4 violence, mayhem, and lawlessness at the seat of our nation's
5 government; and

6 WHEREAS, The chaotic events took place over several hours, as
7 insurrectionists pushed through barriers along the perimeter of the
8 Capitol, overwhelmed Capitol Police officers, and chanted menacing
9 slogans, including terroristic threats against elected officials;
10 those who perpetrated the attack, some of whom armed themselves
11 with tasers, tire irons, pepper spray, and makeshift weapons, did
12 so with the intent to disrupt the electoral process and the peaceful
13 transition of executive power, a bedrock principle of American
14 democracy; and

15 WHEREAS, The U.S. Capitol Police are tasked with securing and
16 protecting the sacred halls of Congress and ensuring the safety of
17 all legislators, staff, and visitors who occupy the Capitol
18 grounds; on January 6, Capitol Police officers found themselves
19 outnumbered against an increasingly hostile and violent throng of
20 extremists, who engaged in acts of vandalism and looting inside the
21 Capitol and assaulted law enforcement personnel who stood in their
22 way; and

23 WHEREAS, Capitol Police officers valiantly risked their
24 lives to repel rioters who were attempting to infiltrate the

1 chambers of Congress and do harm to the lawmakers who were sheltered
2 in place; around 140 officers were hurt during the attack and
3 several later lost their lives; Capitol Police officer Eugene
4 Goodman, who distracted and led rioters away from the Senate
5 chamber, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the legislative
6 branch's most distinguished civilian honor, by a unanimous senate
7 vote; and

8 WHEREAS, Were it not for the courageous officers who stood
9 their ground on that day, the shocking events of January 6 could
10 have resulted in far greater destruction and loss of life, and they
11 are deserving of our highest praise for their heroism in service to
12 their country; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature hereby honor the law enforcement officers who defended
15 the United States Capitol during the January 6 insurrection and
16 extend sincere gratitude to the entire U.S. Capitol Police force as
17 it continues its vital work to safeguard the premises of our
18 nation's Capitol.