

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Barbara Bienvenu of the Jasper Police Department has
2 been named the 2021 Mental Health Peace Officer of the Year by the
3 Texas Crisis Intervention Team Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout the state, CIT programs help law
5 enforcement officers respond to people who are experiencing mental
6 health crises, and the Texas CIT Association recognizes individuals
7 and organizations that provide important crisis intervention and
8 mental health services to their communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Known as "Officer BB" to her colleagues, Barbara
10 Bienvenu has worked in law enforcement for more than 14 years,
11 including four years with the Jasper Police Department; a mental
12 health officer, she serves as a liaison between individuals with
13 mental health needs and first responders, medical personnel, school
14 administrators, and state leaders; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Bienvenu is also an instructor at Angelina
16 College in Lufkin, as well as a certified hostage negotiator;
17 dedicated to her profession, she is a member of the Texas
18 Association of Hostage Negotiators, the International Association
19 of Hostage Negotiators, and the Texas CIT Association; among her
20 many achievements, she has been recognized by the Woodland Springs
21 mental health center in Conroe; and

22 WHEREAS, A respected peace officer, Barbara Bienvenu has
23 demonstrated a deep commitment to the safety and well-being of her
24 fellow Texans, and she may indeed take great pride in this

1 prestigious recognition; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Barbara Bienvenu on her selection
4 as the 2021 Mental Health Peace Officer of the Year by the Texas
5 Crisis Intervention Team Association and extend to her sincere best
6 wishes for the future; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Officer Bienvenu as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 688

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 688 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House