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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.