

2017 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends U.S. capitol police officers David Bailey, Henry Cabrera, and Crystal Griner for their heroic actions on June 14, 2017

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend U.S. capitol police officers David Bailey, Henry Cabrera, and Crystal Griner
3 for heroism during a violent attack on June 14, 2017.

4 WHEREAS, more than two thousand officers and civilians work for the capitol
5 police force and are tasked with protecting the members, employees, visitors, and facilities
6 of Congress; and

7 WHEREAS, officers David Bailey, Henry Cabrera, and Crystal Griner were assigned
8 to ensure the safety and security of U.S. Congressman Steve Scalise, House Republican
9 Whip from Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, Representative Scalise and other
11 congressmen and aides were practicing in Alexandria, Virginia, for an annual charity
12 baseball game against their Democrat counterparts in congress when a rifle-wielding attacker
13 opened fire; and

14 WHEREAS, the officers immediately moved to intercept the shooter to protect those
15 in their charge; despite bullet wounds suffered by Officer Bailey and Officer Griner, these
16 officers bravely performed their duties and engaged the perpetrator in a gun battle that ended
17 in his death; thankfully, officers Bailey and Griner did not suffer life-threatening injuries and
18 are in good condition; and

19 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump condemned the brutal assault on members of
20 congress and their aides, offered prayers for the swift recovery of those who were shot, and
21 praised the officers who intervened; President Trump said, "many lives would have been lost

1 if not for the heroic actions of the two capitol police officers who took down the gunman
2 despite sustaining gunshot wounds"; and

3 WHEREAS, U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, Senator Rand Paul, and Representative
4 Joe Barton, along with Senator Jeff Flake, who was at the baseball practice when the attack
5 occurred, called the officers heroes and credited them with saving lives with their swift and
6 decisive actions; Capitol Police Chief Matthew Verderosa commended the three officers for
7 their "heroic and appropriate response"; and

8 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state are grateful for the effective responses of Officer
9 David Bailey, Officer Henry Cabrera, and Officer Crystal Griner in the protection of
10 Louisiana native son Steve Scalise and others, and it is fitting to commend these officers on
11 the brave execution of their duties.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend U.S. capitol Officer David Bailey, Officer
14 Henry Cabrera, and Officer Crystal Griner for heroic actions on June 14, 2017; and does
15 hereby offer heartfelt thanks for their invaluable roles in protecting U.S. Representative
16 Steve Scalise, other congressmen, and aides during a violent attack.

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