

2017 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump condemned the brutal assault on members of congress and their aides, offered prayers for the swift recovery of those who were shot, and praised the officers who intervened; President Trump said, "many lives would have been lost if not for the heroic actions of the two capitol police officers who took down the gunman despite sustaining gunshot wounds"; and

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES