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House Resolution

A resolution commending Detective Chris McManus of the Miami-Dade Police Department and Officers Julian Guerra, Yojans Martinez, and Mario Pena of the Hialeah Police Department for heroism in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, Detective Chris McManus of the Miami-Dade Police Department, and Officers Julian Guerra, Yojans Martinez, and Mario Pena of the Hialeah Police Department were conducting a joint investigation on July 1, 1997, when they were advised that a man was driving a car in Hialeah with a dead person in the front seat and telling acquaintances that he was going to confront and "kill a cop," and

WHEREAS, these officers observed and approached the car and discovered the body, later determined to be a murder victim killed by the man driving the car, and

WHEREAS, upon the discovery of the body by the officers, the man driving the car commenced firing at the officers, and

WHEREAS, during the ensuing gun battle Detective McManus and Officer Guerra were wounded as they and Officer Pena returned fire, killing the man in the car, and

WHEREAS, Officer Martinez, then an unarmed trainee, at great risk to himself, left his police vehicle and directed drivers and pedestrians away from the scene of the gunfire, and

WHEREAS, Detective McManus was awarded the Miami-Dade Police Department's Gold Medal of Valor, Purple Heart, and Distinguished Officer of the Month Awards for his actions, and Officers Guerra, Martinez, and Pena were awarded the

1 Miami-Dade Police Department's Silver Medal of Valor for their
2 actions, NOW, THEREFORE,

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4 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
5 Florida:

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7 That the House of Representatives of the State of
8 Florida commends Detective Chris McManus, Officer Julian
9 Guerra, Officer Yojans Martinez, and Officer Mario Pena for
10 their heroism and dedication to duty in the face of grave
11 danger.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
13 be presented to Detective Chris McManus, Officer Julian
14 Guerra, Officer Yojans Martinez, and Officer Mario Pena as a
15 tangible token of the sentiments expressed herein.

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