

1 Police Department Commendation Award in March 1990, the Tampa
2 Police Department Award of Valor in May 1990, was selected as
3 Tampa Police Department Officer of the Year in 1990, received
4 the Florida Council of Crime and Delinquency Distinguished
5 Service Award in October 1990, and the Tampa Police Department
6 Award of Merit in June 1996, and

7 WHEREAS, Detective Childers' Officer of the Year Award
8 in 1990 came as the result of saving the life of a 17-year old
9 girl from drowning when he pulled her from her submerged car
10 and led her to safety, and

11 WHEREAS, besides being known for his professionalism
12 and dedication to his work, Detective Ricky J. Childers was
13 also known for his sense of humor, and as a devoted husband
14 and father, and

15 WHEREAS, Detective Ricky J. Childers is survived by his
16 wife, Vickie Childers, and his sons, Glenn Corky Harris and
17 Ricky Jo Childers II, and

18 WHEREAS, Detective Randy Scott Bell was born in
19 DesMoines, Iowa, graduated from Tampa's Robinson High School
20 in 1971, and was a 20-year veteran of the Tampa Police
21 Department, and

22 WHEREAS, Detective Bell was one of the Tampa Police
23 Department's finest investigators and had solved some of the
24 city's most high-profile murder cases, and

25 WHEREAS, Detective Bell was recognized for developing
26 many specialized techniques in investigating cases and was
27 being transferred to the department's Internal Affairs
28 Division because of his expertise as an interrogator and
29 investigator, and

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1 WHEREAS, Detective Bell received over 30 letters of
2 commendation during his service on the Tampa Police
3 Department, and

4 WHEREAS, Detective Randy Scott Bell received the Tampa
5 Police Department Award of Valor in December 1980 and in May
6 1989, and the Tampa Police Department Award of Merit in June
7 1988 and again in May 1997, and

8 WHEREAS, Detective Bell's 1980 Award of Valor was the
9 result of his entering a burning building to save the life of
10 a 64-year old woman by leading her out of the building to
11 safety, and

12 WHEREAS, like his good friend, Detective Ricky J.
13 Childers, Detective Randy Scott Bell shared a high sense of
14 professionalism and dedication to his work, was also known for
15 his sense of humor, and was a devoted husband and father, and

16 WHEREAS, Detective Randy Scott Bell is survived by his
17 wife, Donna Bell, his son, Chris Hill, and daughters, Ashley
18 Bell, Kacey Bell, Amanda Hill, and Demetra Jones, and

19 WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep loss and sadness
20 that the Florida House of Representatives expresses its
21 condolences to the families of these officers who gave their
22 lives in service of the citizens of this state, and

23 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House
24 of Representatives honor the memory of these brave officers,
25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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27 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
28 Florida:

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30 That the House of Representatives of the State of
31 Florida hereby commends the life and service of Detective

1 Ricky J. Childers and Detective Randy Scott Bell of the Tampa
2 Police Department, who gave their lives in the service and
3 protection of the citizens of the State of Florida.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution
5 be presented to Vickie Childers, Glenn Corky Harris, and Ricky
6 Jo Childers II, and to Donna Bell, Chris Hill, Ashley Bell,
7 Kacey Bell, Amanda Hill, and Demetra Jones as a tangible token
8 of the sentiments expressed herein.

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