1	House Resolution
2	A resolution commending the life and service of
3	Detective Ricky J. Childers and Detective Randy
4	Scott Bell.
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6	WHEREAS, on May 19, 1998, Detectives Ricky J. Childers
7	and Randy Scott Bell of the Tampa Police Department were slain
8	while transporting a murder suspect to police headquarters for
9	questioning, and
10	WHEREAS, both detectives were veteran officers who were
11	well-known, greatly liked, and greatly respected by their
12	fellow police officers and the citizens of the Tampa area, and
13	also happened to be the best of friends, and
14	WHEREAS, Detective Ricky J. Childers was born in
15	LaPeer, Michigan, and was a 19-year veteran of the Tampa
16	Police Department, and
17	WHEREAS, Detective Childers served the last 12 years of
18	his duty in the Tampa Police Department in the Homicide
19	Division, and
20	WHEREAS, Detective Childers was a first-rate homicide
21	investigator who had earned his reputation through his
22	persistent and thorough methods of investigation and the
23	extraordinary legwork he was willing to undertake in order to
24	solve a case, and
25	WHEREAS, Detective Childers had handled some of Tampa's
26	biggest murder cases, and
27	WHEREAS, Detective Ricky J. Childers received over 40
28	letters of commendation during his service on the Tampa Police
29	Department, and
30	WHEREAS, Detective Ricky J. Childers was selected as
31	Officer of the Month in November 1988, received the Tampa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 1989, and the Tampa Police Department Award of Merit in June 6 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 his sense of humor, and was a devoted husband and father, and 15 16 WHEREAS, Detective Randy Scott Bell is survived by his wife, Donna Bell, his son, Chris Hill, and daughters, Ashley 17 Bell, Kacey Bell, Amanda Hill, and Demetra Jones, and 18 WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep loss and sadness 19 20 that the Florida House of Representatives expresses its condolences to the families of these officers who gave their 21 22 lives in service of the citizens of this state, and WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the House 23 of Representatives honor the memory of these brave officers, 24

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26 27 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of

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

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