

By Senator Smith

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1 Senate Resolution No. _____

2 A resolution honoring and expressing
3 condolences upon the death of Officer Scott M.
4 Baird of the Gainesville Police Department.

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6 WHEREAS, Officer Scott M. Baird of the Gainesville
7 Police Department was killed in the line of duty after being
8 struck by a vehicle while attempting to remove an obstruction
9 that had been left in a roadway as a prank on February 12,
10 2001, and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Scott M. Baird was 23 years old and a
12 1-year veteran of the Gainesville Police Department at the
13 time of his untimely death, and

14 WHEREAS, Officer Scott M. Baird in his short lifetime
15 was living his dream of having a career in law enforcement and
16 in doing so touched the lives of everyone with whom he came in
17 contact, and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Scott M. Baird made the ultimate
19 sacrifice to ensure the safety of the public, and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Scott M. Baird's death should serve as
21 a reminder of the tragic consequences that can result from
22 unthinking actions that endanger innocent other persons, NOW,
23 THEREFORE,

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25 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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27 That this legislative body does pause in its
28 deliberations to pay its respects to Officer Scott M. Baird
29 and that the Florida Senate in session assembled does hereby
30 record this testimonial of condolences and bereavement:

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SCOTT M. BAIRD

Scott M. Baird was born in West Palm Beach and raised in Ocala, Florida, was educated in the public school system, attended Santa Fe Community College and the University of Florida, and served the public as a police officer with the Gainesville, Florida Police Department. His untimely death prevented him from fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is survived by his father, Walter Baird, III, of Orlando, Florida; his mother, Mrs. Kelly Gaudet, of Bellview, Florida; a brother, Walter Baird, IV, of Ocala, Florida; and a sister, Krista Baird, of Bellview, Florida.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate, with the Seal of the Florida Senate affixed, be transmitted to Walter Baird, III, and Mrs. Kelly Gaudet, the parents of Scott M. Baird, as a tangible and lasting symbol of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.