

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the City of Belle Glade; providing for
 3 the relief of Willie Police, III, Cora Donaldson, Willie
 4 Police, Sr., and the Estate of Willie Police, Jr.;
 5 authorizing and directing the City of Belle Glade to
 6 compensate them for injuries suffered as a result of the
 7 death of Willie Police, Jr., due to the negligence of
 8 employees of the city; providing an effective date.

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 10 WHEREAS, on February 13, 1993, Willie Police, Jr., who was
 11 17 years of age, and a friend attended a dance that was being
 12 held at the Civic Center in Belle Glade, and

13 WHEREAS, while the two friends were standing in the parking
 14 lot after the dance, a disturbance began as a result of which
 15 both Willie Police and his friend were shot, and Willie died at
 16 the scene, and

17 WHEREAS, the group that sponsored the dance allegedly did
 18 not have permission to use the civic center and had broken into
 19 the center that night and held the party without the permission
 20 of the city, and

21 WHEREAS, 1 week before the dance, the group had passed out
 22 flyers inviting the public to the event, and

23 WHEREAS, police were called to the scene because of the
 24 noise created by the party, and, although police officers did
 25 respond to the call and go to the party, they did not check to
 26 see whether the group was legitimately using the civic center
 27 and they did not speak to any person in charge, nor did they
 28 check to see whether there was any security provided for the

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29 party, and

30 WHEREAS, the testimony of city officials and the police
 31 revealed that any time a party is held at the civic center
 32 security is to be provided by either the city or the person who
 33 gives the party, and

34 WHEREAS, the testimony further showed that such a party is
 35 always recorded on the books of the city, and the city then
 36 informs the police department of the party, and

37 WHEREAS, the Belle Glade Police Department never checked
 38 with the city nor with anyone else about this party, even after
 39 noise complaints were registered, and, if they had checked, they
 40 would have shut down the party because it was not a scheduled
 41 event and there was no security, and

42 WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Willie Police, Jr., was
 43 the father of a 3-year-old son, Willie Police, III, who has been
 44 deprived of the support and companionship of his father, and

45 WHEREAS, Willie Police, Jr.'s, parents, Cora Donaldson and
 46 Willie Police, Sr., have been deprived of the services and
 47 companionship of their son, NOW, THEREFORE,

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49 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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51 Section 1. The facts stated in the preamble to this act
 52 are found and declared to be true.

53 Section 2. The City of Belle Glade is authorized and
 54 directed to compensate Willie Police, III, Cora Donaldson,
 55 Willie Police, Sr., and the Estate of Willie Police, Jr., out of
 56 funds of the city not otherwise appropriated, in the amount of

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57 \$381,649.10 for injuries and damages sustained as a result of
58 the death of Willie Police, Jr.

59 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.