

By Senator Bullard

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the bravery, heroism, and dedication of fallen Miami-Dade Police Department detectives Roger Castillo and Amanda Haworth and expressing the gratitude of all Floridians for their service.

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2011, four Miami-Dade Police Department detectives, Diedre Beecher, Roger Castillo, Amanda Haworth, and Oscar Plasencia, went to a Miami residence to serve a murder warrant on a suspect who had a long criminal history, and

WHEREAS, as detectives Diedre Beecher, Roger Castillo, Amanda Haworth, and Oscar Plasencia interviewed the occupants of the house, the 23-year-old subject of the arrest warrant opened fire on them, and

WHEREAS, detectives Roger Castillo and Amanda Haworth were shot and fatally wounded, with Detective Castillo dying at the scene and Detective Haworth dying during emergency surgery at a local hospital, and

WHEREAS, Detective Diedre Beecher sustained an injury during the shootout, but survived, and Detective Oscar Plasencia returned fire on the suspect, killing him, and

WHEREAS, Detective Roger Castillo was born in Miami and grew up in Westchester, attending Royal Palm Elementary, Riviera Middle School, and Southwest Miami Senior High School, and

WHEREAS, Detective Roger Castillo entered the Miami-Dade Police Academy at age 20 and was a 21-year veteran of the Miami-Dade Police Department, and

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30 WHEREAS, when Detective Roger Castillo was assigned to  
31 train rookie officer Debbie Perez, he met the love of his life,  
32 whom he married in 1995, and

33 WHEREAS, Detective Roger Castillo was devoted to Debbie and  
34 their three sons, Anthony, Michael, and Brian, and treasured the  
35 time they spent together as a family, and

36 WHEREAS, Detective Amanda Haworth was a graduate of Miami  
37 Sunset High School and Miami-Dade College and was a 23-year  
38 veteran of the Miami-Dade Police Department, where she served  
39 since January 2003 as a member of the Strategic and Specialized  
40 Investigations Bureau, Career Criminal Section, and

41 WHEREAS, Detective Amanda Haworth was devoted to her 13-  
42 year-old son, Austin, often playing baseball with him in their  
43 back yard and never missing a game played by the Weston Red  
44 Hawks, Austin's team, and

45 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade detectives Roger Castillo and Amanda  
46 Haworth bravely served, and Miami-Dade detectives Deidre Beecher  
47 and Oscar Plasencia continue to show great valor in serving, the  
48 residents of this state, and

49 WHEREAS, Miami-Dade detectives Roger Castillo and Amanda  
50 Haworth are heroes, not because of how they died, but because of  
51 how they lived, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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55 That this legislative body does pause in its deliberations  
56 to pay its respects to the dedication of fallen Miami-Dade  
57 Police Department detectives Roger Castillo and Amanda Haworth  
58 and to express the gratitude of all Floridians for their

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