

By Senators Wise, Lynn, and Thrasher

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Senate Resolution

A resolution expressing the deepest sympathy of the members of the Senate on the death in the line of duty of Clay County Sheriff Deputy David Adam White.

WHEREAS, David Adam White was born in Jacksonville on November 11, 1976, and later moved to Clay County, where, in 1995, he graduated from Middleburg High School, and

WHEREAS, David Adam White joined the U.S. Army Reserves in 1996 and became a military police officer and platoon commander, serving from August 1997 to April 1998 in Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Guard, and

WHEREAS, David Adam White attended St. Johns River Community College and, in 2001, graduated from the University of Central Florida with a criminal justice degree, and

WHEREAS, in 2001, David Adam White joined the Clay County Sheriff's Office and, the following year, married the love of his life, Jennifer Murphy White, and

WHEREAS, David Adam White took a leave of absence from the Clay County Sheriff's Office to serve as a military policeman during the initial stages of the Iraq War during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, and

WHEREAS, during his service in Iraq and Kuwait from May 2003 to June 2004, David Adam White received a series of medals and ribbons, including the War on Terrorism Service Medal and a Sharpshooter badge for proficiency in the use of rifles and grenades, leaving the reserves as a corporal, and

WHEREAS, upon his return to civilian life, David Adam White rejoined the Clay County Sheriff's Office, where he worked with

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30 distinction in positions including patrol and investigations,
31 most recently serving in the narcotics section, and

32 WHEREAS, in August 2011, David Adam White was named Deputy
33 of the Month in the Clay County Sheriff's Office Operations
34 Bureau for his work investigating an Orange Park pain-management
35 clinic, which resulted in a series of arrests and the seizure of
36 hundreds of thousands of dollars, and

37 WHEREAS, on February 16, 2012, David Adam White and eight
38 fellow deputies from the Clay County Sheriff's Office initiated
39 a drug raid at a vacant home in Middleburg which was believed to
40 be used by drug dealers as a methamphetamine lab, and

41 WHEREAS, during the course of that drug raid, David Adam
42 White was fatally shot, dying en route to a local hospital, and

43 WHEREAS, David Adam White was a devoted husband, father,
44 and friend and his death is mourned by all who knew him, and

45 WHEREAS, all Floridians owe a debt of gratitude to David
46 Adam White and all other fallen law enforcement officers who
47 have died in the line of duty, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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51 That members of the Senate remember the life of David Adam
52 White and express our deepest sympathy to his wife, Jennifer, to
53 his adoring mother and father, Sandy and David, to his beloved
54 sister, Rachel, and to his many friends and colleagues.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
56 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Jennifer Murphy
57 White so that she may one day share it with the precious
58 daughter and son that David Adam White left behind as a tangible

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59 token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.