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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 14, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent
2 Stephen Gaudin for his pivotal role in the international war
3 on terror.

4 WHEREAS, On the morning of August 7, 1998, the United States
5 embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, were
6 attacked by terrorists driving explosive-laden trucks; and

7 WHEREAS, The attack on the United States Embassy in Nairobi,
8 Kenya, resulted in 213 embassy employee and civilian deaths and
9 more than 4,000 injuries; and

10 WHEREAS, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agent
11 Stephen Gaudin traveled with an FBI unit to Nairobi, Kenya,
12 hours after the August 7, 1998, suicide bombing; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon arrival, Special Agent Gaudin was selected by
14 his superior officer, Agent Pat D'Amuro, to travel to Eastleigh,

1 a Nairobi suburb, with members of the Kenyan Criminal
2 Investigation Division and two colleagues from the United
3 States, in order to investigate a suspicious male visiting the
4 town's hotel; and

5 WHEREAS, By traveling to Eastleigh, a town with a population
6 comprised primarily of Somali immigrants and violent anti-
7 American sentiment, Special Agent Gaudin continued to press the
8 investigation without regard to his personal safety and
9 security; and

10 WHEREAS, Once in Eastleigh, Special Agent Gaudin and his
11 colleagues apprehended the suspicious man; and

12 WHEREAS, The male was identified as Mohamed Rashed Daoud al-
13 'Owhali, a trusted member of Osama bin Laden's Third Martyr
14 Barracks, First Squad of the El Bara bin Malik Division of the
15 Army of Liberating the Islamic Holy Lands; and

16 WHEREAS, Special Agent Gaudin interrogated al-'Owhali for ten
17 days and succeeded in obtaining critical information; and

18 WHEREAS, Special Agent Gaudin succeeded in linking al-'Owhali
19 and Al-Qaeda to the attacks against the United States Embassy in
20 Nairobi, Kenya; and

21 WHEREAS, As a result of that information, al-'Owhali admitted
22 to Special Agent Gaudin that Osama bin Laden selected him to
23 perform a martyrdom operation at the United States Embassy in
24 Nairobi, and that it was to be a suicide mission; and

25 WHEREAS, Special Agent Gaudin obtained further information
26 from al-'Owhali that ultimately may have thwarted additional
27 terrorist attacks against the United States; therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
29 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize Federal Bureau of
30 Investigation Special Agent Stephen Gaudin for his pivotal role

1 in the international war on terror; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That Special Agent Gaudin's conduct during the
3 investigation led to the apprehension and conviction of Al-Qaeda
4 member Mohamed Rashed Daoud al-'Owhali regarding the 1998
5 suicide bombing of the United States Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya,
6 which ultimately thwarted other terrorist attacks; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
9 Pennsylvania recognize Special Agent Stephen Gaudin for his
10 courage and commitment to his nation and direct that a copy of
11 this resolution be presented to him.