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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, JANUARY 2, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the bravery and professionalism of the Philadelphia
2 Police Department during the events of August 14, 2019.

3 WHEREAS, On the afternoon of August 14, 2019, police officers
4 from the 39th District of the City of Philadelphia were
5 attempting to serve a narcotics warrant in the Nicetown area;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, In the process of serving this warrant, police
8 officers came under fire; and

9 WHEREAS, Police officers from the 14th, 25th, 35th and 39th
10 Districts, along with police officers from the Narcotics Strike
11 Force responded to the call and worked to protect the people in
12 the area and apprehend the suspect; and

13 WHEREAS, Police Officer Joshua Burkitt, a 2-year veteran
14 assigned to the 24th District, sustained a gunshot wound to the

1 left hand; and

2 WHEREAS, Police Officer Michael Guinter, a 12-year veteran
3 assigned to the Narcotics Strike Force, sustained gunshot wounds
4 to both arms; and

5 WHEREAS, Police Officer Shaun Parker, an 11-year veteran
6 assigned to the Narcotics Strike Force, sustained a graze wound
7 to the head; and

8 WHEREAS, Police Officer Nathaniel Harper, a 19-year veteran
9 assigned to the Narcotics Strike Force, sustained a gunshot
10 wound to the left leg; and

11 WHEREAS, Police Officer Ryan Waltman, a 12-year veteran
12 assigned to the 39th District, sustained a gunshot wound to the
13 right hand; and

14 WHEREAS, Police Officer Justin Matthews, a 3-year veteran
15 assigned to the 16th District, sustained a graze wound to the
16 left leg; and

17 WHEREAS, The police were successful in avoiding any civilian
18 casualties; and

19 WHEREAS, The police officers were able to successfully
20 evacuate several day care facilities that were operating in the
21 vicinity of the stand-off; and

22 WHEREAS, After a nearly eight hour stand-off, including
23 numerous negotiation attempts, the police used tear gas to force
24 the suspect out of the home; and

25 WHEREAS, The police were able to apprehend the suspect
26 without injuring him; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
28 bravery and professionalism of the Philadelphia Police
29 Department during the events of August 14, 2019; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the efforts
2 of all officers involved; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
4 the 39th District of the Philadelphia Police Department, 2201
5 West Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
8 the Philadelphia Police Department Headquarters, 750 Race
9 Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.