

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 62

By: Barrington of the Senate

5 and

6 Coody of the House

7
8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution relating to the events of
10 June 18, 2007; honoring the service and sacrifice of
11 narcotics agents and officers; and directing
12 distribution.

13 WHEREAS, on the morning of Monday, June 18, 2007, nine agents
14 and officers assigned to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and
15 Dangerous Drugs Control, the Lawton Police Department, the District
16 5 Drug Task Force, and the District 6 Drug Task Force executed a
17 high-risk search warrant at an apartment complex in Lawton,
18 Oklahoma; and

19 WHEREAS, the drug defendant whose residence was the target of
20 the search warrant was a known methamphetamine user and dealer and
21 considered to be extremely dangerous; and

22 WHEREAS, upon announcing their authority and that they held a
23 search warrant for the premises, these nine agents and officers
24

1 began taking fire from rounds coming through the front door of the
2 residence; and

3 WHEREAS, District 5 Task Force Officer Tim Cole and Oklahoma
4 State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control Agent Dennis
5 Garza were both shot; and

6 WHEREAS, fellow agents and officers immediately returned fire
7 and created a human barrier between the shooter and the injured
8 officers as they made entry into the residence and fatally wounded
9 the gunman; and

10 WHEREAS, a total of 17 weapons, as well as extensive
11 surveillance equipment, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia were
12 recovered from both inside and outside the shooter's residence and
13 parked vehicle; and

14 WHEREAS, the heroic actions of these nine agents and officers,
15 putting themselves in harm's way to protect each other and the
16 tenants of the adjacent apartments, saved numerous lives that day.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
18 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 CONCURRING THEREIN:

20 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature honors the courageous sacrifices
21 of Tim Cole of the District 5 Drug Task Force, whose injury in the
22 line of duty resulted in paralysis from the waist down, and Dennis
23 Garza of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
24

1 Control, whose injuries in the line of duty included gunshot wounds
2 to the hand and cheekbone, from which he has fully recovered.

3 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature honors the noble and selfless
4 services of Jerry Walls and Chad Johnson of the Oklahoma State
5 Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control; Dusty Dowdle,
6 Justin Scott, and Brian Guthrie of the District 6 Drug Task Force;
7 Harold Thorne of the District 5 Drug Task Force; and Eric Carter of
8 the Lawton Police Department, whose instinctive actions in the face
9 of deadly circumstances prevented their injured partners from
10 further harm and successfully neutralized a serious threat to public
11 safety.

12 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature expresses immense gratitude for
13 the exemplary commitment of all nine of these agents and officers to
14 protect the communities of this state.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be presented to Oklahoma State
16 Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control Director R. Darrell
17 Weaver, Lawton Police Chief Ronald Smith, Sr., District Attorney
18 Robert Schulte, District Attorney Bret T. Burns, and to each of the
19 agents and officers mentioned above.

20
21 51-2-3501 LTL 3/17/2008 3:36:50 PM

22
23
24