

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1110

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Officer Chris Sellers of the Houston Police Department, who is receiving the Police Officer of the Year Award for the North Patrol Command; and

WHEREAS, In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, Officer Sellers and his partner were conducting damage assessment for apartments in Northeast Houston; in the course of this seemingly ordinary event, he suddenly heard an urgent cry for help; and

WHEREAS, Instinctively responding to the screams, Officer Sellers came upon a man holding a child captive with a sawed-off shotgun in a dead-end alley between two buildings; Officer Sellers ordered the man to release the child and to drop his weapon; and

WHEREAS, The man refused Officer Seller's commands and raised his weapon in the direction of the child; fearing for the child's life, Officer Sellers opened fire; despite being wounded, the suspect again pointed his weapon at the child, who was now trapped at the end of the alley, and Officer Sellers was forced to fire again; when the suspect turned as if to fire directly at him, Officer Sellers fired again, ending the standoff and saving the life of the child; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers are challenged daily in the course of their duties, but rarely do these challenges rise to the level of the use of lethal force; in the face of a life-threatening situation, Officer Sellers acted promptly and

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professionally to safeguard the life of a child, engaging a violent suspect without concern for his own safety; his courage embodies the highest standards of the law enforcement profession, and he is justly deserving of recognition for his exceptional valor and devotion to duty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Officer Chris Sellers on his bravery, quick thinking, and decisive action in saving the life of a child and extend to him sincere gratitude for his heroic actions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Gallegos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate