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# H. RES. 1399

Honoring the lives, and mourning the loss, of Sergeant Brandon Paudert and Officer Bill Evans, members of the West Memphis Police Department.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2010

Mr. BERRY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the lives, and mourning the loss, of Sergeant Brandon Paudert and Officer Bill Evans, members of the West Memphis Police Department.

Whereas, on May 20, 2010, the people of West Memphis, Arkansas, suffered an act of tragic violence;

Whereas the shooting resulted in the tragic deaths of Sergeant Brandon Paudert and Officer Bill Evans;

Whereas during the shootout that ensued, Crittenden County Sheriff Dick Busby was shot in the arm and his Chief Deputy, W.A. Wren, was shot in the abdomen and remains in critical condition;

Whereas Brandon Paudert, 39, of West Memphis, Arkansas, while serving as Sergeant on the Interstate Interdiction

Unit for the West Memphis Police Department and doing what he loved most, was killed in the line of duty;

Whereas Brandon Paudert truly believed in the words “to protect and serve”, and followed his dream to be a police officer like his father, West Memphis Police Chief Bob Paudert, and was a fourth generation law enforcement officer;

Whereas Brandon Paudert loved his children and family and is survived by his wife, Kim Paudert of West Memphis, Arkansas, whom he had dated since they were 14 years old, his father and mother, Robert and Linda (Nichols) Paudert of West Memphis, Arkansas, his daughter, Katie Paudert of West Memphis, Arkansas, his two sons, Lane Paudert and Wil Paudert, both of West Memphis, Arkansas, his brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Kathy Paudert of Seymour, Missouri, and his nephew, Aaron Paudert;

Whereas Thomas W. “Bill” Evans, 38, of Crawfordsville, Arkansas, was a police officer for the City of West Memphis;

Whereas Thomas Evans was a 9-year veteran of the West Memphis Police Department, a member of the Drug Interdiction Unit, and nephew of the West Memphis, Arkansas, Chief of Police;

Whereas Thomas Evans is survived by his loving family including his father, Thomas R. “Sonny” Evans of Augusta, Arkansas, his mother, Sharon Scott of Batesville, Arkansas, his two sons, Thomas Dylan Evans of Crawfordsville, Arkansas, and David Craig Closs of Marion, Arkansas, his fiancée, Sunday Shanks of Crawfordsville, Arkansas, his two brothers, Jimmy Evans

of Crawfordsville, Arkansas, and Andrew St. Clair of Cord, Arkansas, his three sisters, Angela R. Driver of Turrell, Arkansas, Joyce Alfaro of Turrell, Arkansas, and Shawna Saucier of Southside, Arkansas, and his two step-sisters, Brittney Neldon of Augusta, Arkansas, and Mellisa Higgs of Augusta, Arkansas;

Whereas this violent act should serve as a reminder to all that the men and women wearing a badge face life-threatening situations so that the rest us can stay safe, and that this is the greatest sacrifice we can ask of someone;

Whereas a memorial fund is being created in their honor;

Whereas this ultimate sacrifice is felt hardest by the wives, children, and other family of the fallen officers, and should be recognized for their sacrifice as well; and

Whereas residents of West Memphis, Arkansas, and throughout Crittenden County have come together to support the officers' loved ones: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes the ultimate sacrifice made by  
3               Sergeant Brandon Paudert and Officer Bill Evans  
4               while on duty;

5               (2) extends its deepest condolences to the fami-  
6               lies and friends of Sergeant Brandon Paudert and  
7               Officer Bill Evans; and

1 (3) recognizes the great courage and honor that  
2 all men and women in uniform have, and the risk  
3 they take to keep others safe.

