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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring and
2 remembering the life of Officer Eric Talley.

3 *Whereas, Officer Eric Talley heroically gave his life to save*
4 *many others from a gunman on March 22, 2021;*

5 *Whereas, Eric Talley was born in Houston, Texas, on*
6 *September 26, 1969. He was a doting and protective older*
7 *brother to his sister, Kirstin Brooks, taking the blame whenever*
8 *she was in trouble and fending off those who tried to pick on*
9 *her. He spent much of his younger years in New Mexico, where*
10 *he graduated from Highland High School in 1988;*

11 *Whereas, Eric Talley married the love of his life, Leah, on*
12 *August 19, 1993. They had seven children together, whom they*
13 *happily home schooled and doted on;*

14 *Whereas, Eric Talley attended Ball State University in*
15 *Muncie, Indiana, from 1997 to 2004. He earned his bachelor's*
16 *degree in computer science and his masters degree in*
17 *information computer science;*

18 *Whereas, While attending classes, Talley worked with the*
19 *American School of tae kwon do, and won the sparring*
20 *category men's brown belt division tournament in 2000. He*
21 *later became a black belt in karate, as well. During college,*
22 *Eric volunteered as an instructor in the Fitness Center at*
23 *Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital;*

24 *Whereas, After graduating from Ball State, Eric Talley*
25 *worked in the technology industry for six years. He was known*



1 *to be a helpful alumnus, aiding students in finding jobs in the*
2 *technology industry after they graduated;*

3 *Whereas, After a close friend died in a DUI crash, Eric left*
4 *the stability of his IT job to join the Boulder Police Department,*
5 *at age 40. He enjoyed the opportunity to serve his family and*
6 *his community as a whole every day. Eric's dedication to his*
7 *community took shape in the community based police initiative*
8 *he helped to create in the Martin Acres neighborhood in 2015;*

9 *Whereas, Eric made sure to spend time with each of his seven*
10 *children individually, even with a full-time job. He wanted each*
11 *one to feel loved and special, and he was known to play board*
12 *games, ride four-wheelers, and do crafts with them;*

13 *Whereas, Officer Eric Talley treated his fellow officers like*
14 *family. He was known to bring board games into work that he*
15 *had enjoyed playing with his family to make his co-workers*
16 *laugh and smile. Eric was known as talkative and energetic,*
17 *fueled by enthusiasm and Mountain Dew, but even more so*
18 *after he won the game he brought;*

19 *Whereas, Eric Talley was a gentle person and compassionate*
20 *toward both humans and animals. He supported the American*
21 *Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Eric was also*
22 *one of three officers to rescue 11 ducklings and their mother*
23 *from a drainage ditch, crawling into pipes after them;*

24 *Whereas, The Boulder Police Department gave one of Eric's*
25 *sons the Life Saver Award after performing CPR, which Eric*
26 *had taught the whole family, on a relative who choked on a*
27 *quarter;*

28 *Whereas, Officer Eric Talley was the first officer on the scene*
29 *at King Sooper's, a supermarket, on March 22, 2021, where an*
30 *active gunman was shooting at families and individuals who*
31 *were shopping there. After his arrival, he led a team inside to*
32 *confront the shooter. No more civilians were hurt after the*
33 *officers entered, but in the volley of shots between the gunman*
34 *and police, Officer Eric Talley was fatally wounded. Officer*
35 *Talley was one of the ten victims that day, heroically giving his*
36 *life to save other innocent individuals from harm. Those who*
37 *knew him well say he was concerned about saving as many*
38 *people as he could, especially children; and*



1 *Whereas, Officer Eric Talley will be remembered fondly for*
2 *his devoted service to his community and his love for his family.*
3 *He saved many lives, at a terrible, heroic cost. Therefore:*

4 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
5 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
6 *the Senate concurring:*

7 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors and
8 remembers the life of Officer Eric Talley for his service and
9 sacrifice to his community.

10 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
11 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
12 office of State Representative Sue Errington for distribution.

