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Whereas, State Trooper Richard Terrell Gaston was one of those rare individuals who felt a true calling to public service and answered that calling wholeheartedly;

Whereas, Mr. Gaston, from a very early age, admired and wanted to be an Indiana State Trooper, even helping Troopers stationed near his hometown of Brookville, Indiana, make a video promoting responsible drinking;

Whereas, After graduating from Brookville High School in 1988, Mr. Gaston joined the Marine Corps in order to better his chances to eventually serve with the State Police. While a Marine, he served with distinction as a part of the elite Presidential support unit, the 8th & I company. In 1991, he was named his company's "Marine of the Year";

Whereas, Mr. Gaston met the love of his life, Amy Thompson, while stationed in Washington, D.C. The two were married and settled in Indianapolis following his honorable discharge and were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Jean Elizabeth, in April, 1998;

Whereas, Mr. Gaston's calling to service as a State



Trooper never overshadowed his commitment to his daughter, to his wife, and to his family. He spent all of his days off with his family and frequently shared with them his passion for fishing, hunting, and the outdoors;

Whereas, He was accepted into the Indiana State Police Recruit Academy in July, 1998. Upon graduation in December, 1998, Trooper Gaston was assigned to the Toll Road District;

Whereas, While on duty on March 4, 1999, Trooper Gaston and fellow State Trooper Brad Kaizer made a routine traffic stop on the Toll Road. While still in their car, they were struck from behind by a semi truck, killing Trooper Gaston instantly; and

Whereas, The debt of gratitude the citizens of the State of Indiana owe Trooper Gaston for his sacrifice can never be repaid, for he gave his life in the line of duty and set an example for all of us to follow. This hero will be missed, but his spirit to serve should continue to live in our hearts and deeds: Therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. In memory of our fallen State Troopers, including
2 Trooper Richard Terrell Gaston, we honor their lives of service, their
3 unwavering professionalism, and their daily courage. The life of
4 Trooper Gaston serves as a model to us all. We salute him and all of
5 our State Troopers.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a
7 copy of this resolution to the wife of Trooper Gaston, Amy, to his
8 daughter Jean Elizabeth, and to his parents.

