

Senator Schauer offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 142.

A resolution commending Detective Gregory T. Huggett of the Battle Creek Police Department for his valor, continuing achievements, and selection on May 16, 2006, as recipient of the National Association of Police Organizations' TOP COPS® Award.

Whereas, Detective Huggett joined the Battle Creek Police Department on February 29, 1988, and was promoted to the rank of detective in August of 1994. His assignments have included the investigation of burglaries, arsons, liquor establishment licensing and regulation violations, motor vehicle accidents, and assisting with the investigation of violent crimes such as armed robberies, assaults, criminal sexual assaults, and homicides; and

Whereas, During the last eighteen years with the Battle Creek Police Department, Detective Huggett has received ten Professional Excellence Citations, two Certificates of Commendation, one Meritorious Service Citation, and twenty-two Unit Citations, and in 1997, he was honored by the Michigan International Association of Arson Investigators as Arson Investigator of the Year; and

Whereas, Detective Huggett also currently serves as a member of the Battle Creek Police Department Emergency Response Team as a medic and is the chairman of the Executive Committee for the Police Officers Labor Council; and

Whereas, Detective Huggett has demonstrated courage and character throughout his career. Most notably, on May 9, 2005, the unfortunate day last spring an investigation of a brutal murder led Detective Huggett and his partner, Detective LaVern Brann, to an apartment close to the crime scene. Upon arriving at the apartment, Detectives Huggett and Brann encountered the panicked occupant trying to flee the scene, who then turned his gun on Detective Brann and killed him. Detective Huggett bravely continued to pursue the suspect and was himself shot in the leg during the gun battle that ensued. As a result of Detective Huggett's unwavering courage and determination, the suspect was captured before he could destroy any more lives; and

Whereas, On Friday, May 12, 2006, the National Association of Police Organizations paid tribute to Detective Huggett in Washington, D.C., at their Thirteenth Annual TOP COPS® Awards ceremony, in recognition of the professionalism and courage that Detective Huggett showed before, during, and after being shot during that fateful murder investigation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby honor Detective Gregory T. Huggett of the Battle Creek Police Department for his valor, continuing achievements, and selection by the National Association of Police Organizations as recipient of their TOP COPS® Award; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Detective Huggett as a token of our highest esteem and gratitude for his service.