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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

House Resolution

No. 42

**Introduced by Assembly Members House, Reyes, and
Cardoza**

January 26, 2000

House Resolution No. 42—Relative to commending Detective Kevin Bertalotto and ~~Officer Chuck Cahoone~~ *Officers Chuck Cahoone and Stephen Hinkley.*

1 WHEREAS, On January 14, 2000, at Gabriel Jewelers in
2 McHenry Village in Modesto, ~~two~~ *three* brave men
3 almost lost their lives protecting the rest of their
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, These brave men put their lives on the line
6 to make sure that a store owner, employees, and
7 customers would be safe from criminals who place no
8 value on human life; and

9 WHEREAS, In their attempt to stop a robbery in
10 progress, Detective Kevin Bertalotto was shot six times at
11 close range and Officer Chuck Cahoone was shot in the
12 abdomen; and

13 WHEREAS, The gun battle erupted seconds after
14 police entered the store and continued for 40 seconds
15 volley after volley; and

16 WHEREAS, Two shots struck Detective Kevin
17 Bertalotto in the upper right arm; one hit his right
18 forearm, chipping a bone, and one shot entered his

1 abdomen, damaging his intestines, and an additional shot
2 struck his right pelvis and another his left tibia; and

3 WHEREAS, A bullet ripped through Officer Cahoone's
4 femoral artery in his lower abdomen causing him to lose
5 three of his body's five pints of blood through internal
6 bleeding; and

7 ~~WHEREAS, Detective Kevin Bertalotto and Officer~~
8 ~~Chuck Cahoone,~~

9 WHEREAS, *Officer Stephen Hinkley, the third officer*
10 *to enter the store, prevented further harm to the injured*
11 *officers and helped to protect the other civilians; and*

12 WHEREAS, *Detective Kevin Bertalotto and Officers*
13 *Chuck Cahoone and Stephen Hinkley, with full*
14 *knowledge of the risks inherent in their jobs, have*
15 *dedicated their lives to making Modesto a better*
16 *community, and it is appropriate at this time that their*
17 *selfless efforts be acknowledged; now, therefore, be it*

18 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,*
19 *That Detective Kevin Bertalotto and ~~Officer Chuck~~*
20 *~~Cahoone~~ Officers Chuck Cahoone and Stephen Hinkley*
21 *be honored and commended for their heroic actions in*
22 *the protection of the public, and that they be extended*
23 *best wishes for a speedy recovery.*

