

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1758

A RESOLUTION honoring the lives of Officer Jeff Atherly and Corporal David Gogian, who were killed in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, Corporal David Gogian and Police Officer Jeff Atherly were shot and killed in the line of duty on December 16, 2012, while checking on a suspicious vehicle in a grocery store parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Several minutes after making contact with the multiple subjects in the vehicle, one of the subjects opened fire, fatally wounding Officer Atherly and Corporal Gogian; and

WHEREAS, The suspected shooter was killed following a standoff and exchange of gunfire between the shooter and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, Corporal David Gogian was a U.S. Military veteran and had served with the Topeka Police Department for eight years. Corporal Gogian was born in Lynwood, California. He graduated from high school in Las Vegas, Nevada and earned a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Washburn University. Corporal Gogian served in the United States Marine Corps from 1981-1986 and in the Kansas Air National Guard from 1991-2010. Corporal Gogian became a Reserve Police Officer in 1992 for the Topeka Police Department, and he later became a full-time Police Officer in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jeff Atherly had served the Topeka Police Department for one year and eight months. Officer Atherly was born in Topeka, Kansas. He attended Carbondale schools for elementary school and graduated from Santa Fe Trail High School. Officer Atherly received a Bachelor of Science degree from Washburn University. Officer Atherly attended a two-year training program at the Topeka Police Academy, graduating in September, 2001; and

WHEREAS, These fatalities are a true tragedy. Police officers, like Corporal Gogian and Officer Atherly, are an essential part of our nation's society. They risk their lives on a daily basis to keep citizens safe and out of harm's way. Both officers leave behind loving families: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor the lives of Officer Atherly and Corporal Gogian. The ultimate sacrifice they have made to protect the people of Topeka is deeply appreciated by all Kansans; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide ten enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Hensley.**

Senate Resolution No. 1758 was sponsored by Senators Hensley, Kelly and V. Schmidt.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.