

House Resolution 697

By: Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, and Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Officer David Dess for his courage and for being a 200 Club
2 Law Enforcement and Firefighting Medal of Valor Award nominee; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Officer David Dess has served with honor and distinction with the Garden City
4 Police Department; and

5 WHEREAS, he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for excellence in all
6 of his endeavors and whose primary concern is the welfare and safety of the citizens of
7 Garden City; and

8 WHEREAS, he is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local
9 government officials as a man of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the administration
10 of justice and sound principles of law enforcement; and

11 WHEREAS, on August 8, 2016, Officer Dess risked his life in order to ensure the safety of
12 others during a car fire at a gas station, pulling his car directly adjacent to the gas pump and
13 pushing the burning car out of the parking lot; and

14 WHEREAS, if it had not been for his brave actions, the gas pump would have exploded and
15 severely injured many individuals nearby and caused extensive property damage; and

16 WHEREAS, this act of courage is one of many for Officer Dess and it is evidence of his
17 extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention
18 to detail in all of his duties; and

19 WHEREAS, his commitment to the welfare of others is an outstanding example of the
20 positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that gratitude is expressed for this law
22 enforcement officer's unheralded contributions and heroism.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication
25 exhibited by Officer David Dess in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and
26 express their utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the
27 meaning of public servant.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
30 Officer David Dess.