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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Recognizing and honoring Burnsville, Minnesota, law enforcement and first responders for their heroic actions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CRAIG submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Burnsville, Minnesota, law enforcement and first responders for their heroic actions.

Whereas Burnsville Police Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth died in the line of duty on February 18, 2024, while responding to a domestic situation in Burnsville, Minnesota;

Whereas Officer Paul Elmstrand dedicated over 6 years of service to the Burnsville Police Department, joined the department in 2017 as a Community Service Officer and was promoted to Officer in 2019, and served as part of the department's mobile command staff, peer team, honor guard, and field training unit;

Whereas Officer Matthew Ruge dedicated over 3 years of service to the Burnsville Police Department, joining the department in 2020, where he was a physical evidence officer and a member of the crisis negotiation team;

Whereas Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth dedicated 5 years of service to the Burnsville Fire Department, served as a water rescue trainer and on Burnsville's Health and Wellness Committee, and was an Army veteran serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth will be remembered as heroes who protected their community and loved their families and friends;

Whereas Police Sergeant Adam Medlicott was injured and hospitalized while responding to the call; and

Whereas Sergeant Adam Medlicott has served with the Burnsville Police Department since 2014 in various roles, including as a patrol officer, drug recognition specialist, and field training officer, and was promoted to sergeant in 2022: Now therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) expresses deep condolences to the families
- 3 and colleagues of Burnsville, Minnesota, Police Offi-
- 4 cers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Fire-
- 5 fighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth, who made the ulti-
- 6 mate sacrifice in the line of duty and whose sacrifice
- 7 will not be forgotten;
- 8 (2) honors the bravery of Police Sergeant Adam
- 9 Medlicott;

1 (3) recognizes all of the countless selfless and
2 heroic actions carried about by local law enforcement
3 and first responders;

4 (4) expresses strong support for law enforce-
5 ment and first responders in Minnesota and across
6 the United States who protect and serve their com-
7 munities; and

8 (5) acknowledges the importance of honoring
9 and remembering fallen law enforcement and first
10 responders killed in the line of duty.