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5 By: Senators Altes, Wilkinson
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8 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

9 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF OFFICER DANIEL CRUZ
10 MARTINEZ, JR., AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS HEROIC
11 EFFORTS AS A POLICE OFFICER.
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13 **Subtitle**

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20 WHEREAS, Officer Daniel Cruz Martinez, Jr., of Wister, Arkansas, died
21 Friday, March 23, 2007, in Fort Smith, Arkansas; and
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23 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez was born on July 1, 1973, in Oxnard,
24 California; and
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26 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez had served as a police officer for the Fort
27 Smith Police Department since July 2006; and
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29 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez worked for the Wister Police Department for
30 five (5) years and once served as police chief for both Wister and Shady
31 Point Police Departments; and
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33 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez lost his life while assisting a woman
34 following a domestic disturbance; and
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36 WHEREAS, Officer Martinez was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jim



1 Burden; and is survived by his wife, Alice, of the home; three (3) daughters,
 2 Kirstin, Morgan, and Amaya; two (2) sons, Kenden and Tanton; his mother,
 3 Karen, and her husband, Charles Spence, of Poteau, Oklahoma; his father,
 4 Daniel C. Martinez, Sr., and his wife, Vicky; four (4) sisters, Jessica
 5 Martinez of Shady Point, Arkansas; Anna Nance and her husband, Andy, of
 6 Poteau, Oklahoma; Sarah Martinez of Poteau, Oklahoma; and Adrianna Martinez
 7 of Poteau, Oklahoma; two (2) brothers, Doug Martinez and his wife Amy of
 8 Poteau, Oklahoma, and Andrew Martinez of Poteau, Oklahoma; maternal
 9 grandmother, Ruby Burden Gregory, and her husband, Ralph, of Poteau,
 10 Oklahoma; paternal grandparents, Cruz and Vera Martinez of Ventura,
 11 California; father-in-law and mother-in-law, J.D. and Tawana Thornburg of
 12 Wister, Arkansas; brother-in-law, Justin Thornburg of Wister, Arkansas; and a
 13 host of relatives and beloved friends,

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15 NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
 17 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 THAT the Senate remembers Officer Daniel Cruz Martinez, Jr., and
 20 commends him for his heroic efforts as a police officer.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate hereby
 23 express sincere condolences to the family of Officer Martinez and upon
 24 adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the
 25 family by the Secretary of the Senate.

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