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5 By: Representatives Lea, Overbey  
6 By: Senator Trusty

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9 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

10 COMMENDING CPL. BLAKE WILSON OF RUSSELLVILLE,  
11 ARKANSAS, ON HIS SELECTION AS THE AMERICAN  
12 ASSOCIATION OF STATE TROOPERS 2008 NATIONAL  
13 TROOPER OF THE YEAR.

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17 **Subtitle**

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19 RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS, ON HIS SELECTION  
20 AS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE  
21 TROOPERS 2008 NATIONAL TROOPER OF THE  
22 YEAR.

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25 WHEREAS, Corporal Blake Wilson, 51, of Russellville, Arkansas, is a 29-  
26 year veteran of the Department of Arkansas State Police and is assigned to  
27 the Troop J patrol division in Clarksville, Arkansas; and

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29 WHEREAS, Cpl. Wilson was named Arkansas State Police 2007 Trooper of  
30 the Year and was one (1) of two (2) Arkansas state troopers to receive the  
31 department's Medal of Valor in 2007; and

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33 WHEREAS, Cpl. Wilson was chosen as the American Association of State  
34 Troopers 2008 National Trooper of the Year for his successful and skillful  
35 negotiation during a prolonged hostage standoff outside the post office in  
36 Choctaw, Arkansas; and



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2           WHEREAS, during that standoff, the suspect was holding his 4-year-old  
3 daughter and her mother in his pickup truck and at times held a knife to the  
4 chest of his daughter and used her body as a shield against possible fire from  
5 police snipers; and

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7           WHEREAS, after ten (10) hours, Cpl. Wilson was able to successfully  
8 disarm the suspect just before nightfall and get the hostages to safety; and

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10           WHEREAS, American Association of State Troopers President Tommy Moore  
11 said, "We are privileged to honor Cpl. Wilson with this distinguished award  
12 for his selfless and unyielding efforts during the 10-hour negotiation  
13 process. His dedication to duty during this tense standoff was exemplary,  
14 and he is most deserving of this special recognition."; and

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16           WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Seventh General  
17 Assembly commends Cpl. Blake Wilson on his selection as the American  
18 Association of State Troopers 2008 National Trooper of the Year,

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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24           THAT the House of Representatives commends Cpl. Blake Wilson on his  
25 service to the State of Arkansas and his selection as the American  
26 Association of State Troopers 2008 National Trooper of the Year.

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate  
29 copy shall be provided to Cpl. Blake Wilson by the Chief Clerk of the House  
30 of Representatives.