

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1232

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SASSMANN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of
2 Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of
3 Detective Sergeant Mason Evans Griffith of the Hermann Police Department, who was killed
4 in the line of duty on March 12, 2023; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2023, Detective Sergeant Griffith and Officer Adam
7 Sullentrup of the Hermann Police Department responded to the Casey's General Store in
8 Hermann where a suspect with multiple warrants for his arrest had been identified by the
9 officers; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, during the investigation, the suspect became agitated and lied to the
12 officers about his identity; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, once his identity was confirmed, the suspect backed away from the
15 officers, drew a handgun, and began firing at the officers, neither of whom had drawn their
16 weapons; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, although injured, Detective Sergeant Griffith was able to return fire
19 before the suspect fled the store and hid in a home on Market Street; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the suspect was arrested after an hours-long standoff with law
22 enforcement, who used Detective Sergeant Griffith's handcuffs to take the suspect into
23 custody; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, Detective Sergeant Griffith was a proud Detective Sergeant with the
26 Hermann Police Department, Part-Time Chief of Police of the Rosebud Police Department,
27 Field Training Officer, and member of the Crisis Intervention Team; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, Detective Sergeant Griffith leaves to cherish his memory his devoted
30 wife, Jennifer Griffith; his two sons, Trevor Griffith and Karson Griffith; and his parents,
31 David and Fern Griffith:

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33 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Missouri
34 House of Representatives, One Hundred Second General Assembly, join in paying final
35 tribute to Detective Sergeant Mason Evans Griffith, a remarkable individual and dedicated
36 public servant who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing
37 and loving him; and

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
41 family of the late Detective Sergeant Mason Evans Griffith, as an expression of our deep
42 sympathy.

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