

House Resolution 109 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

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HAGENOW, KOESTER, MOMMSEN, BACON, BERGAN, GASKILL,
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1 A Resolution to recognize and honor Officers Susan
2 Farrell and Carlos Puente-Morales posthumously for
3 their service to this state.

4 WHEREAS, in the early hours of March 26, 2016,
5 Des Moines Police Officers Susan Farrell and Carlos
6 Puente-Morales died in a head-on collision with a drunk
7 driver on Interstate 80 in Dallas County; and

8 WHEREAS, Officers Farrell and Puente-Morales
9 graduated from the Des Moines Police Academy on October
10 2, 2015, and had served as police officers with the Des
11 Moines Police Department for less than six months when
12 they died in the line of duty; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Farrell, who was 30 years old at
14 the time of her death, had worked for the Polk County
15 Sheriff's Office for several years before joining the
16 Des Moines Police Department, and was the first female
17 officer in Iowa killed in the line of duty; and

18 WHEREAS, Officer Puente-Morales, who was 34 years
19 old at the time of his death, served in both Iraq and
20 Afghanistan as a member of the Iowa National Guard, and
21 had worked for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department

22 and the Ottumwa Police Department for several years
23 before joining the Des Moines Police Department; and

24 WHEREAS, Officers Farrell and Puente-Morales
25 dedicated their careers to public service and are
26 remembered by their peers and their communities as
27 models for what a good public servant should be; and

28 WHEREAS, on February 13, 2018, the Dallas County
1 Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of
2 the designation of a memorial bridge, near the area of
3 the accident site on Interstate 80, to honor the memory
4 of Officers Farrell and Puente-Morales; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
6 the House of Representatives rises to honor Officers
7 Susan Farrell and Carlos Puente-Morales, who devoted
8 their lives to protecting the public, for their service
9 and sacrifice to the State of Iowa; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
11 Resolution be prepared for and transmitted to
12 the families of Officers Susan Farrell and Carlos
13 Puente-Morales.