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Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, Drew Alan Bolin joined the Austin Police Department as a member of the 85th Cadet Class on July 11, 1994 and was commissioned as a Police Officer on January 6, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Officer Drew Bolin was assigned to the Patrol Bureau in the Central East Area Command, and became Unit "Charlie 306"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Drew Bolin was excited and proud to be an Austin Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 1995 Officer Drew Bolin was directing traffic at the scene of a serious injury collision in the northbound lanes of the 4800 block of IH 35; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bolin was standing in the left lane, behind lighted traffic flares and where both the left and middle lanes were also blocked off by police vehicles with emergency lights (overheads) flashing to warn approaching traffic; and

WHEREAS, despite the precautions taken, Officer Bolin was struck by a vehicle traveling northbound on IH35, driven by a person later determined to have been driving under the influence of alcohol; and which vehicle, after striking Officer Bolin, continued traveling along the roadway until it later ran into a wrecker also parked at the scene and was finally stopped; and

WHEREAS, despite heroic efforts by fellow officers and emergency medical personnel, Officer Drew Alan Bolin died as a result of the injuries sustained from the impact; and

WHEREAS, APD Badge #83 was retired at the end of Officer Bolin's funeral;

and the name of Officer Drew Alan Bolin was inscribed, in memoriam, on the wall of the National Police Officers' Memorial located in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bolin was posthumously awarded the Police Cross for heroic sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, despite Officer Bolin's very short tenure with the Austin Police Department he had received several written commendations from residents and had already earned the respect and confidence of fellow officers and supervisors; and

WHEREAS, due to Officer Drew Alan Bolin's interest in the quality of firearms equipment used by officers of the Austin Police Department and the training they received with those weapons; and

WHEREAS, memorial donations received by the Bolin Family were used to purchase semi-automatic pistols for use in future training at the Austin Police Academy Firing Range; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That in accordance with Section 14-1-35 of the City Code, the Council hereby authorizes the weapons firing range at the Austin Police Academy located at 4800 Shaw Lane, Austin, Texas be from this date forward known and recognized as the **Drew Alan Bolin Firing Range** at the Austin Police Academy.

ADOPTED: _____, 2004

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk