

RESOLUTION NO. 21-07

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SF 82/HF 185, A BILL INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CERTAIN ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

WHEREAS, last year, Waseca Police Office Arik Matson was critically wounded in the line of duty after being shot in the head by a suspect after responding to a report of a suspicious person; and

WHEREAS, the minimum sentence for an attempt on a peace officer, judge, prosecutor or correctional officer's life is 20 years with release under supervision after two-thirds of the sentence is served; and

WHEREAS, due to the inherent dangers faced by law enforcement and judicial officers on a daily basis, the current penalty is insufficient in comparison to the life-long physical and mental health impacts such an attempt has on the individual; and

WHEREAS, SF 82/HF 185, chief authored by Senator Jasinski and Representative Petersburg, increases the penalty against individuals who are convicted of attempted first-degree murder of a police officer, judge, prosecutor or correctional officer to life incarceration with a minimum of 30 years served in prison before being eligible for release.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park that the City Council does hereby express its strong support for SF 82/HF 185 and encourages the Legislature to adopt it without delay.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember .

Upon roll call, the following voted aye:

And the following voted nay:

Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of February, 2021.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator

State of Minnesota)
Counties of Anoka and Ramsey)ss
City of Spring Lake Park)

I, Daniel R. Buchholtz, duly appointed and qualified City Administrator in and for the City of Spring Lake Park, Anoka and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 21-07, A Resolution Expressing Support for SF 82/HF 185, A Bill Increasing the Penalty for Certain Attempts to Commit Murder in the First Degree.

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator

(SEAL)

Dated: _____