## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The thousands of deaths caused by COVID-19 in Texas
- 2 have created a tremendous void in families, communities, and
- 3 workplaces throughout the state; among those who lost their lives
- 4 in the pandemic was Tawiwo Obele, a dedicated and well-respected
- 5 employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, who passed
- 6 away on February 16, 2021, at the age of 68; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Ms. Obele, who was assigned to the Beto Unit near
- 8 Palestine, had worked for the TDCJ for two years; she enjoyed a warm
- 9 rapport with her colleagues, and she was known to be a caring and
- 10 empathetic listener; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Tawiwo Obele faithfully and ably performed her
- 12 duties throughout her tenure with the Texas Department of Criminal
- 13 Justice, and she will long be remembered with great admiration by
- 14 all who were privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 16 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
- 17 Tawiwo Obele and extend deepest sympathy to her family, friends,
- 18 and colleagues; and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
- 21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tawiwo
- 22 Obele.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 53 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 30, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House