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H.R. No. 131

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Officer William McKeon Jr. of the Sour Lake Police
2 Department is being presented with a Star of Texas Award on
3 September 11, 2021, at a ceremony in Austin; and

4 WHEREAS, Established by the 78th Texas Legislature in 2003,
5 the Star of Texas Awards annually recognize first responders who
6 have been seriously injured or killed in the line of duty;
7 recipients are selected by three advisory committees appointed by
8 the governor; and

9 WHEREAS, On May 27, 2019, Officer Bill McKeon was called to
10 investigate a suspicious person at a local convenience store, and
11 as soon as he stepped out of his patrol car, he was attacked and
12 beaten by his assailant; the brutal assault left Officer McKeon in a
13 coma for a time, and his severe injuries required several
14 surgeries, a nine-month stay in the hospital, and many months of
15 therapy; and

16 WHEREAS, This veteran peace officer began his career in the
17 early 1980s, and he worked for the Port Arthur Police Department and
18 the Orange County Sheriff's Office before joining the Sour Lake
19 Police Department; his recovery from his injuries was aided by the
20 love of his family and the support of his fellow police officers as
21 well as his community, which organized fundraisers to help with his
22 medical expenses; and

23 WHEREAS, Texans owe an immense debt of gratitude to the men
24 and women of the law enforcement profession who willingly place

1 themselves in harm's way to protect and serve the public, and
2 Officer Bill McKeon's courage and dedication make him truly
3 deserving of special commendation; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Officer William
6 McKeon Jr. on his receipt of a 2021 Star of Texas Award and extend to
7 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Officer McKeon as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.