

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 58

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to public service has drawn to a
2 close with the death of Daniel Lowell Walden, police chief of the
3 Donna Independent School District, on September 27, 2021, at the
4 age of 53; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Charles and Joyce Walden, Daniel Walden
6 was born in Puyallup, Washington, on October 7, 1967; after moving
7 to the Rio Grande Valley as a young man, he studied at the police
8 academy and embarked upon a career as a first responder, working for
9 12 years as a paramedic and as the owner of an ambulance business;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Walden went on to enjoy a rewarding career in
12 law enforcement that spanned more than 20 years, including a tenure
13 as a detective for the Donna Police Department; he joined the police
14 department of Donna ISD as a deputy, and he served as a senior
15 sergeant for 11 years and as chief since 2017; a certified master
16 peace officer, he was a popular instructor at training clinics for
17 police officers in the region, specializing in classes on mental
18 health, firearms, school-based law enforcement, and sexual assault
19 and family violence; he was named the 2019 Instructor of the Year by
20 the Focus on Reducing Impaired Driving Among Youth (FRIDAY)
21 program; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Walden shared a loving union with his wife,
23 Veronica, and he delighted in the time he spent playing video games
24 with his sons, Daniel and Isaiah; he also liked taking long road

1 trips with his family and exploring such places as South Padre
2 Island, the Nueces River, and the Medina family ranch in Duval
3 County; and

4 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community,
5 Daniel Walden made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved
6 ones and fellow citizens alike, and although he will be deeply
7 missed, his contributions will be remembered for years to come;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
11 Donna ISD Police Chief Daniel Lowell Walden and extend sincere
12 condolences to the members of his family and to his many friends;
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Daniel
17 Walden.