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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mesquite Police Department is mourning the loss
2 of a dedicated and much-loved member of its police dog unit, K-9
3 officer Kozmo, who died in the line of duty on April 26, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on February 24, 2016, the Dutch Shepherd mix
5 joined the department in 2017; Kozmo's handler, Officer Jason
6 Crawford, cofounded the K-9 unit along with fellow officer Jeremy
7 Wilemon, and the two selected Kozmo to be one of the first police
8 dogs in the fledgling program; and

9 WHEREAS, With the help of Officer Crawford's training, Kozmo
10 excelled in his duties and distinguished himself as a true asset to
11 the department; together with his handler, Kozmo worked to find
12 more than 200 suspects and assisted in the seizure of over 200
13 pounds of illicit drugs; in one memorable incident that
14 demonstrated Kozmo's keen abilities as a tracker, police were
15 attempting to locate a suspect on foot; during the search, Kozmo
16 repeatedly led officers to a nearby body of water, where the
17 individual in question was eventually discovered to be hiding
18 beneath the surface; and

19 WHEREAS, Although the death of this exemplary police dog has
20 brought great sadness to many, Kozmo will forever be remembered for
21 his courageous and steadfast service to his community as well as for
22 the special camaraderie he shared with his handler and colleagues;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of K-9 officer Kozmo
2 and extend sincere condolences to Officer Jason Crawford and to the
3 other members of the Mesquite Police Department.