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H.R. No. 1706

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Collin County are mourning the untimely
2 loss of Constable-Elect Mike Vance, who passed away on November 27,
3 2020, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Mike Vance was born
5 on January 7, 1955, and he grew up with the companionship of three
6 siblings; when he was three years old, he moved with his family to
7 Richardson, where he attended St. Paul the Apostle Grade School and
8 Allen Military Academy; he went on to graduate from the Leadership
9 Command College at Sam Houston State University, before earning an
10 additional degree in management and technology from Richland Junior
11 College; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Vance began his career in law
13 enforcement when he was hired as a reserve officer and detention
14 officer for the Collin County Sheriff's Office; three years later,
15 he moved to the city of Anna to become a full-time deputy; he later
16 returned to the Collin County Sheriff's Office and served for 34
17 years in a number of positions, including as a patrol officer,
18 detention officer, supervisor, and criminal and narcotics
19 investigator, as well as a member of the county's SWAT team; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the years, Deputy Vance oversaw more than
21 10,000 criminal investigations, and through his dedication to
22 solving property crimes, he earned the gratitude of many victims of
23 robberies and burglaries; known as "Mookie" to his colleagues and
24 friends, he enjoyed a strong rapport with those who worked

1 alongside him, and he helped guide the development of his fellow
2 officers both through his mentorship and through his commendable
3 example of public service; and

4 WHEREAS, After retiring from the sheriff's office in 2019,
5 Mr. Vance continued serving as a reserve deputy sheriff while
6 planning his run for the office of Precinct 1 constable; he went on
7 to prevail in the 2020 general election, and he was looking forward
8 to his new leadership role; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Vance was blessed with the
10 love and support of a fine family that included his two children,
11 Lauren and Joseph, and his two granddaughters; he was deeply
12 devoted to his faith, and he was admired as a man who lived his life
13 according to his beliefs and principles; and

14 WHEREAS, Although the passing of Mike Vance has brought great
15 sorrow to all who knew him, he leaves behind a record of service to
16 his community that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Collin County
20 Constable-Elect Mike Vance and extend sincere sympathy to his
21 family, his friends, and his colleagues; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mike Vance.