

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Deputy Darren Almendarez of the Harris County  
2 Sheriff's Office was killed on March 31, 2022, at the age of 51, and  
3 his untimely passing was a tragic loss to his family, to his agency,  
4 and to his community; and

5           WHEREAS, Darren Almendarez was born on August 15, 1970, to  
6 Abraham Almendarez Sr. and Mary Helen Martinez, and he enjoyed the  
7 companionship of his nine siblings; a graduate of Austin High  
8 School, he continued his education at Houston Community College and  
9 San Jacinto College; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1999, Mr. Almendarez graduated from the Harris  
11 County Sheriff's Office Police Academy; he subsequently embarked on  
12 an outstanding 23-year career with the HCSO, initially working as a  
13 District 3 patrol officer and as a field training officer; a  
14 certified instructor and master peace officer, he went on to serve  
15 as an investigator for the Multi-Agency Gang Task Force and the Auto  
16 Theft Task Force; over the course of his tenure with the agency, he  
17 made a special effort to support victims and to help people in need;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Deputy Almendarez benefited  
20 from the love and support of his wife, Flor, and he took great pride  
21 in his three children, Andrea, Kayla, and Danny; he also adored his  
22 pets, Nico, Bambi, Dale, Pippa, Stella, and Petunia; an avid  
23 football fan, he rooted for the Houston Texans and the Dallas  
24 Cowboys, and he enjoyed pursuing his passions for saltwater

1 fishing, traveling, barbecuing, and woodworking; and

2 WHEREAS, Embodying the highest ideals of the law enforcement  
3 profession, Deputy Darren Almendarez served his community and his  
4 state with compassion, integrity, and honor, and although he is  
5 gone, his dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Deputy Darren  
9 Almendarez and extend profound condolences to the members of his  
10 family: to his wife, Flor M. Zarzoza Almendarez; to his daughters,  
11 Andrea Almendarez and Kayla Rios; to his son, Danny Rios; to his  
12 mother, Mary Helen Martinez; to his siblings; and to all others who  
13 mourn his passing; 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 Deputy  
17 Darren Almendarez.

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Phelan	Guerra	Murr
Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	A. Johnson of Harris	Rose
Button	J. Johnson of Harris	Rosenthal
Cain	Jones of Dallas	Schaefer
Campos	Jones of Harris	Schatzline
Canales	Kacal	Schofield
Capriglione	King of Hemphill	Shaheen
Clardy	King of Uvalde	Sherman, Sr.
Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
Goodwin	Muñoz, Jr.	Zwiener

H.R. No. 868

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 868 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 30, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House