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H.R. No. 868

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.