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H.R. No. 1096

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Citizens of Lewisville are mourning the loss of Jay  
2 Patrick Powell, the assistant chief of the city's police  
3 department, who passed away on January 6, 2023, at the age of 52;  
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5           WHEREAS, Jay Powell was born in Denton on March 7, 1970, to  
6 Pat and Rebecca Powell; he graduated from Denton High School in  
7 1988, and he studied accounting at the University of North Texas,  
8 where he received a master's degree in 1993; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1994, Mr. Powell embarked on his law enforcement  
10 career, achieving recognition as the valedictorian and  
11 distinguished recruit of his basic academy class with the  
12 Lewisville Police Department; rising to the rank of assistant  
13 police chief in 2014, he took on a broad range of duties and was  
14 charged with oversight of the Support Operations Bureau; moreover,  
15 he supervised officers in training, traffic, and criminal  
16 investigations, and he was also involved in departmental issues  
17 concerning personnel, budget, and community resources; and

18           WHEREAS, During his nearly three-decade-long career with the  
19 Lewisville force, Assistant Chief Powell earned a reputation for  
20 his bravery and integrity and for his willingness to come to the aid  
21 of anyone in need; a graduate of the FBI National Academy, he was  
22 widely respected, and he was honored with multiple service awards  
23 over the course of his tenure; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Powell and his wife, Rhonda, shared a rewarding

1 marriage that spanned more than a quarter century; a lifelong  
2 resident of Denton, he entertained throngs of trick-or-treaters  
3 every year with his elaborate Halloween displays and costumes; and

4 WHEREAS, A devoted public servant, Jay Powell made a  
5 meaningful difference in the lives of all those who had the  
6 privilege of knowing him, and he leaves behind a record of service  
7 that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Assistant Chief Jay  
10 Patrick Powell of the Lewisville Police Department and extend  
11 heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jay Powell.