

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of David Leos, who passed away on September 2, 2021, at the age of
4 62; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Faustino and Maria Leos, David Leos was
6 born in Dallas on July 15, 1959; he was raised in Mesquite, and he
7 grew up with the companionship of seven siblings; following his
8 graduation from Bishop Lynch High School in 1977, he continued his
9 education at The University of Texas at Arlington; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1981, Mr. Leos embarked on a four-decade career
11 with the Dallas Fire-Rescue department, and he distinguished
12 himself as one of the city's longest-serving Latino firefighters;
13 he served on the front lines as a paramedic for 13 years, and along
14 the way, he endeared himself to others in the department through his
15 work as a driver engineer and cook; he earned a reputation for his
16 easygoing demeanor and his ability to accomplish just about any
17 task, and his colleagues collected many "Super Dave" stories
18 through the years; and

19 WHEREAS, David Leos contracted COVID-19 while performing EMS
20 duties, and he eventually succumbed to complications from the
21 disease; he was the first active duty firefighter in Dallas to die
22 from COVID-19 and was laid to rest with full honors from Dallas
23 Fire-Rescue; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Leos and his wife, Darlene, shared a rewarding

1 marriage, and he was the proud father of two sons, David and Joseph,
2 and six daughters, Tiffany, Karyn, Sarah, Helena, Liana, and
3 Lauren; with the passing years, he experienced the joy of welcoming
4 six grandchildren into his treasured family; he and his wife loved
5 traveling, dancing, and participating in Zumba classes together,
6 and he also enjoyed writing songs, playing the guitar, hunting, and
7 fishing; known for his skills at the barbecue grill, he began
8 entering competitions with Papa Leos BBQ, featuring his own secret
9 sauce; moreover, he was a valued congregant of Lakepointe Church,
10 and he turned to his faith for guidance in his life, particularly
11 after fighting a difficult battle with leukemia; and

12 WHEREAS, Although David Leos is deeply missed, memories of
13 his faith, his strength, and his devotion to his family remain to
14 comfort and inspire those he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of David Leos and extend
17 heartfelt condolences to his relatives and many friends; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David Leos.

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H.R. No. 1524

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1524 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 19, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House