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H.R. No. 2052

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Richard Michael Hempel of Kosse on May 9, 2023, at the
3 age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Rick Hempel was born to Fred and Glynn Hempel on
5 September 19, 1969, and he grew up with the companionship of his
6 brother, Trevor, and sisters, Ashley, Carrie, and Mary Beth; during
7 his youth, he developed a deep admiration for first responders, and
8 he participated in the Lake Jackson Explorer Program; he went on to
9 enroll in the Alvin Police Academy, where he graduated in 1991; and

10 WHEREAS, Early in his career, Mr. Hempel worked at the Clute
11 and Bay City Police Departments; he later accepted a position as a
12 full-time firefighter with the Freeport Fire Department, and he
13 eventually became licensed as a nationally registered paramedic; he
14 subsequently joined the Oyster Creek Police Department, where he
15 rose through the ranks to become captain before his retirement in
16 2020; during the COVID-19 pandemic, he served as a paramedic for a
17 COVID response unit, and he later worked at Limestone County EMS and
18 the Groesbeck Volunteer Fire Department; and

19 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hempel enjoyed the love
20 and support of his wife, Kim, and he took great pride in his
21 children, Steven, Michael, and Ryan, and his grandchildren, Kannon
22 and Kendall; and

23 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community, Rick
24 Hempel made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved ones

1 and fellow citizens alike, and although he will be deeply missed,
2 his contributions will be remembered for years to come; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Michael
6 Hempel and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
7 to his wife, Kim Hempel; to his children, Steven Murff and his wife,
8 Brook, Michael Hempel and his wife, Katelin, and Ryan Hempel and his
9 girlfriend, Kylea; to his grandchildren, Kannon and Kendall Murff;
10 to his mother, Glynn Hempel; to his brother, Trevor Hempel; to his
11 sisters, Ashley Hempel, Carrie Hare and her husband, Shane, and
12 Mary Beth; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
13 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 Rick
17 Hempel.