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S.R. No. 378

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Harris County lost an esteemed public
2 servant with the passing of Deputy Sheriff Darren Almendarez on
3 March 31, 2022, at the age of 51; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Darren Almendarez was born to
5 Mary Helen Martinez and Abraham Almendarez Sr. on August 15, 1970,
6 and he grew up with five sisters and four brothers; he shared a
7 rewarding marriage with Flor M. Zarzoza Almendarez, and he was the
8 proud father of three children, Andrea Almendarez, Kayla Rios, and
9 Danny Rios; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduating from Austin High School and
11 attending Houston Community College and San Jacinto College,
12 Mr. Almendarez enlisted in Class B1-99 of the Harris County
13 Sheriff's Office Academy and graduated in 1999; over the course of
14 his exemplary 23-year tenure with the sheriff's office, he served
15 as a patrolman in District 3 and as a field training officer,
16 certified instructor, Auto Theft Task Force investigator, and
17 investigator with the Multi-Agency Gang Task Force, where he worked
18 with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; he was
19 certified as a master peace officer; and

20 WHEREAS, When he was off duty, Deputy Almendarez took great
21 pleasure in traveling, saltwater fishing, woodworking, barbecuing,
22 and working in his yard; he was a true animal lover who delighted in
23 the time he spent with his many pets, and he was a loyal fan of the
24 Houston Texans and the Dallas Cowboys; and

1 WHEREAS, Although the untimely death of Darren Almendarez
2 profoundly saddened his family and friends and those who were
3 privileged to work alongside him, his record of dedicated service
4 to his community will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
6 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Harris County Deputy Sheriff
7 Darren Almendarez and extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones
8 and to all others who mourn his passing; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do
10 so in memory of Deputy Sheriff Darren Almendarez.