

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Houston firefighter Jay Jahnke died in the line of
2 duty on October 13, 2001, at the age of 40, and the tragic passing of
3 this heroic individual deeply saddened the communities he served
4 and all who were privileged to know him; and

5 WHEREAS, Captain Jay P. Jahnke exemplified, in his personal
6 and professional conduct, the singular virtues of courage,
7 integrity, and unwavering dedication; and

8 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Houston, Captain Jahnke was an
9 active member of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters
10 Association, was a member of Houston's Medical Strike Team and
11 Swift Water Rescue, and was Haz-Mat certified; he enjoyed the
12 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, where he was an investigator for
13 the rodeo's safety committee, and was a chief safety officer with
14 the Cy-Creek Volunteer Fire Department; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition, Captain Jahnke ably instructed
16 students at the Texas A&M Fire School and the Houston Fire
17 Department Citizens Fire Academy; and

18 WHEREAS, This noble gentleman was a member of the Houston
19 Fire Department for 20 years and was most recently assigned to Fire
20 Station No. 2; from a long line of firefighters, he was the son of a
21 district fire chief and the nephew or cousin of more than a dozen
22 firefighters; and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout his many years with the department, his
24 record was one of meritorious service, loyalty, personal courage,

1 and self-sacrifice consistent with the high ideals of the
2 fire-fighting profession; Jay Jahnke was a passionate defender of
3 life and property, and while he will be greatly missed, the legacy
4 of integrity and bravery he leaves behind will not soon be
5 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby pay special tribute to the life of Jay P. Jahnke and extend
8 sincere sympathy to his family: to his wife, Dawn; to his daughter,
9 Jayne; to his son, Hunter; to his mother, Katherine; to his brother,
10 Jeff; to his sisters, Karen and Mary Ann; and to his many beloved
11 friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
14 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory
15 of Jay P. Jahnke.

Hamric
Woolley

H.C.R. No. 159

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 159 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 2, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 159 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on April 24, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor