

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost one of its beloved police  
2 officers when Houston County Sheriff's Deputy Bobby Franks was  
3 killed in the line of duty on December 23, 2002; and

4           WHEREAS, A man of tremendous integrity whose strong sense of  
5 duty reflected a deep commitment to the welfare of others, Officer  
6 Franks exemplified the highest standards of his profession  
7 throughout his career in law enforcement; and

8           WHEREAS, Officer Franks served for three years with the  
9 Crockett Police Department before embarking on a 15-year tenure  
10 with the Houston County Sheriff's Department; a consummate peace  
11 officer, he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues  
12 throughout the state; and

13           WHEREAS, In recognition of his distinguished service, fellow  
14 deputies honored Officer Franks by naming him the 2001 Deputy of the  
15 Year; then, in February 2002, he was named Employee of the Month;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Officer Franks dedicated himself to protecting his  
18 fellow citizens and in doing so made a lasting impression on his  
19 community; although his death is widely mourned, his memory and  
20 influence will long endure in the lives he deeply touched; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Deputy Bobby Franks and  
24 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,

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1 Evelyn Stowe Franks; to his daughter, Cynthia Yahr, and her  
2 husband, Dewit; to his sons, Jason Stowe and Rusty Smith; to his  
3 stepsons, Steven Johnson, Richard Dale Johnson, and Calvin Johnson;  
4 to his grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
5 and, be it further

6         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
8 of Representatives adjourns this day it do so in memory of Bobby  
9 Franks.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 96 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House