

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texans everywhere are indebted to the fine men and  
2 women in the law enforcement profession who, by their selfless  
3 dedication to the public welfare, have enabled us to enjoy the  
4 benefits of a peaceful and orderly society; and

5           WHEREAS, These gallant individuals daily risk their lives in  
6 order to ensure domestic tranquility and to protect the lives and  
7 property of others; and

8           WHEREAS, Senior Trooper Richard D. Cottle of the Texas  
9 Department of Public Safety exemplified, in his personal and  
10 professional conduct, the singular virtues of courage, integrity,  
11 and unwavering dedication; and

12           WHEREAS, Throughout his 29 years, 9 months, on the force, his  
13 record was one of meritorious service, loyalty, personal bravery,  
14 and self-sacrifice consistent with the high ideals of the law  
15 enforcement profession; and

16           WHEREAS, This dedicated public servant was killed in the line  
17 of duty on May 9, 2001, and his untimely death was a tragic loss to  
18 his family, to his fellow peace officers, and to the entire  
19 community; and

20           WHEREAS, His legacy of heroic dedication and self-sacrifice  
21 will endure and continue to be a source of inspiration to those who  
22 follow in this difficult but essential profession; now, therefore,  
23 be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Senior Trooper  
2 Richard D. Cottle of the Texas Department of Public Safety and  
3 extend deepest sympathy to his family, to his friends, and to his  
4 fellow officers; and, be it further

5         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
7 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Senior  
8 Trooper Richard D. Cottle.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 347 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 3, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House