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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

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.