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H.R. No. 622

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dallas firefighter Wayne Kevin Clarke died in the
2 line of duty on February 12, 2003, at the age of 46, and the tragic
3 passing of this heroic individual has deeply saddened the community
4 he served and all who were privileged to know him; and

5 WHEREAS, This noble gentleman exemplified, in his personal
6 and professional conduct, the singular virtues of courage,
7 integrity, and unwavering dedication; and

8 WHEREAS, A native of Trinidad, West Indies, Mr. Clarke came
9 to the United States in 1971 and served in the U.S. Air Force for 20
10 years; after completing his military service, he worked in a
11 halfway home for troubled youth and with a government agency before
12 joining the Dallas Fire Rescue Department to pursue his dream of
13 becoming a paramedic firefighter; and

14 WHEREAS, Though his tenure with the department was far too
15 brief, Wayne Clarke had already distinguished himself among his
16 peers and had carried out his duties in a manner consistent with the
17 highest ideals of the fire-fighting profession; and

18 WHEREAS, Wayne Clarke was a passionate defender of life and
19 property, and while he will be greatly missed, the legacy he leaves
20 behind will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature hereby honor the life of Wayne Kevin Clarke and extend
23 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Jin; to
24 his son, Hyun Woo; to his daughter, Nakome; and to his many other

1 friends and relatives; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
4 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wayne
5 Kevin Clarke.