

By: Gallego

H.C.R. No. 37

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Officer Billy J. Zachary of the Texas Department of  
2 Public Safety was killed in the line of duty on January 1, 2006, at  
3 the age of 32, and his tragic death was a loss not only to his family  
4 and his fellow peace officers but to the entire community; and

5           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan exemplified in his personal and  
6 professional conduct the virtues of courage, integrity, and  
7 unwavering dedication to duty, and his commitment to the law  
8 enforcement profession, as well as to the citizens he proudly  
9 served, earned him the respect of all who knew him; and

10           WHEREAS, A graduate of Madisonville High School in his  
11 hometown, he had been a member of DPS since February 2004; and

12           WHEREAS, Texans everywhere are indebted to this exceptional  
13 police officer and to all the fine men and women in law enforcement  
14 who, by their selfless devotion to the public welfare, have enabled  
15 us to enjoy the benefits of a peaceful and orderly society; and

16           WHEREAS, Officer Zachary's exemplary service in a difficult  
17 but essential profession will continue to inspire all who knew and  
18 loved him, and though his life ended far too soon, his memory will  
19 live on in the hearts of the countless people whose lives he  
20 touched; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the 79th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called  
22 Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Officer Billy J. Zachary  
23 and extend profound sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
24 wife, Tara Johnson Zachary; to his infant daughter, Zoe Kathryn

1 Zachary; to his parents, Lonnie and April Zachary; to his sister,  
2 Conner Zachary; to his grandfather, Bill Conner; and to all who  
3 mourn his passing; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
6 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
7 Officer Billy J. Zachary.