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H.R. No. 361

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends deeply mourn the untimely passing  
2 of Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Romeo Garza on  
3 December 7, 2005, at the age of 37; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 13, 1968, Trooper Garza graduated  
5 from Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School in 1986, attended The  
6 University of Texas-Pan American, and received an associate degree  
7 from Texas State Technical Institute; he joined the U.S. Army and  
8 served his country in Operation Desert Storm during his three years  
9 of military service; and

10 WHEREAS, Fulfilling a lifelong dream to become a law  
11 enforcement officer, Trooper Garza entered the Department of Public  
12 Safety Academy in 1998 and graduated a Texas state trooper; during  
13 his seven-year tenure with DPS, he worked as a field training  
14 officer and served on the riot and vehicle reconstruction accident  
15 teams; known for his dedication and professionalism, he assisted  
16 the U.S. Secret Service with the escort of Presidents George H. W.  
17 Bush and Bill Clinton and Vice President Dick Cheney on their visits  
18 to the Rio Grande Valley; he had been stationed with DPS in Pecos  
19 for several months at the time of his death; and

20 WHEREAS, An avid sportsman, Trooper Garza was fond of fishing  
21 and hunting, and he also enjoyed barbecuing, gardening, and  
22 listening to country music; devoted to his family, he delighted in  
23 the company of his nephew and stepson, and experienced incomparable  
24 joy when he became the father of his cherished baby daughter,

1 Sabrina; and

2 WHEREAS, Trooper Garza demonstrated a deep commitment to  
3 safeguarding the public welfare as a law enforcement professional,  
4 and although his life ended far too soon, he will forever be  
5 remembered by those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
8 Romeo Garza and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
9 family: to his wife, Melinda Garza; to his daughter, Sabrina R.  
10 Garza; to his stepson, Jacob A. Jimenez; to his parents, Juanita  
11 Garza and Agapito Garza, Jr.; to his sisters, Lou Ann MacDonald and  
12 Iris Marie Garza; to his brother, Gary Garza; to his nephew, Cameron  
13 MacDonald; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Trooper  
18 Romeo Garza.