

By: Kolkhorst

H.R. No. 730

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
2 of Deputy Sheriff Donald Ellis Wass of Bellville, who died on April
3 23, 2006, at the age of 35; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of the Gus George Law Enforcement
5 Academy, Deputy Wass began his career with the Washington County
6 Sheriff's Office in 1996 as a deputy jailer and moved to the patrol
7 division in 1997; he achieved the status of Advanced Peace Officer
8 and certification as a field training officer; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2000, Deputy Wass played an instrumental role in
10 the capture of a man who had shot and killed a Harris County
11 sheriff's deputy; in recognition of his actions in that case, both
12 the Washington County Council and Buddy Wright American Legion Post
13 No. 48 conferred on him the Peace Officer of the Year award, and the
14 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education
15 bestowed on him the State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement
16 Award for Valor; Deputy Wass was also recognized for his
17 outstanding patrol work by the Brazos Valley Area Mothers Against
18 Drunk Driving; and

19 WHEREAS, This esteemed officer brought to his vocation
20 qualities that are among the most highly prized in law enforcement
21 personnel--decency, bravery, professionalism, and a steady resolve
22 in the face of danger, and his memory will be forever cherished by
23 those who were privileged to share in the warmth of his affection
24 and friendship; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
3 Deputy Sheriff Donald Ellis Wass and express deepest sympathy to
4 the members of his family: to his wife, Amanda "Mandi" Wass; to his
5 daughter, Jolie Beth Wass; to his parents, Sue and Jim Wass; to his
6 brother and sister-in-law, Brett and Monica Wass; to his
7 father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jennings and Doris Eldridge; to
8 his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Danny and Jenny Kelley, Lou
9 and Paula Fairchild, Curtis and Leslie Eldridge, and Phil and Vicky
10 Carley; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family, and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Deputy
15 Sheriff Donald Ellis Wass.