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H.R. No. 740

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic death of Mark Alan Wilson of Tyler on
2 February 24, 2005, at the age of 52, has brought a profound loss to
3 his many friends and loved ones; and

4 WHEREAS, With instinctive courage and selfless resolve, this
5 valorous Texan confronted a gunman on the steps of the Smith County
6 Courthouse; reacting to the kind of inhuman crisis that compels
7 ordinary men to seek cover or flee, Mark Wilson proved to be an
8 extraordinary man; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson confronted a lethal threat in order to
10 protect the people of his community, and in his valiant attempt to
11 save the lives of others, he risked his own safety; and

12 WHEREAS, The magnitude of the sacrifice that ended his life
13 all too prematurely is in keeping with the character that was
14 evident to all who knew him; an active member of the Tyler
15 community, he used his time on earth to the fullest; and

16 WHEREAS, Born on January 20, 1953, in Dallas, Mr. Wilson
17 graduated from MacArthur High School in 1971 and went on to serve
18 his country with distinction in the U.S. Navy; after his discharge
19 from the military, this avid sportsman worked as a racquetball
20 instructor and embraced his entrepreneurial spirit, opening
21 Tyler's On Target Shooting Range in 1997; and

22 WHEREAS, A dedicated volunteer, he committed his talents to
23 help raise money for nonprofit organizations and lent his time to
24 Heart of Tyler/Main Street projects, including the Texas Blues

1 Festival and Festival on the Square; and

2 WHEREAS, Mark Wilson was a true hero, and his example reminds
3 us that the very best elements of human nature can emerge in the
4 midst of the chaos and violence that threaten our society; though
5 this brave man will be missed, his legacy will continue to inspire
6 all who are privileged to know of him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Mark Alan
9 Wilson of Tyler and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
10 family: to his parents, Alex and Lynn Stewart; to his sisters,
11 Melody and Holly Wilson; to his nieces, Katie and Kristen DeFazio;
12 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mark Alan
16 Wilson.