

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans everywhere are indebted to the fine men and
2 women in the law enforcement profession who, by their selfless
3 dedication to the public welfare, have enabled us to enjoy the
4 benefits of a peaceful and orderly society; and

5 WHEREAS, These gallant individuals willingly risk their
6 lives each day in order to ensure domestic tranquility and protect
7 the lives of others, earning the respect and admiration of their
8 peers and the greater community; and

9 WHEREAS, Transportation Officer John Murphy Bennett of the
10 Texas Department of Criminal Justice exemplified in his personal
11 and professional conduct the singular virtues of courage,
12 integrity, and unwavering dedication; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout his 12 years and ten months on the force,
14 his record was one of meritorious service, loyalty, personal
15 bravery, and self-sacrifice consistent with the high ideals of the
16 law enforcement profession; and

17 WHEREAS, Killed in the line of duty on July 17, 2003, his
18 untimely death was a tragic loss to his family, to his fellow peace
19 officers, and to the entire community; and

20 WHEREAS, His legacy of heroic dedication and self-sacrifice
21 will endure and continue to be a source of inspiration to those who
22 follow in a difficult but essential profession; now, therefore, be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Transportation
2 Officer John Murphy Bennett of the Texas Department of Criminal
3 Justice and extend deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and
4 fellow officers; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
7 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in the memory of
8 Transportation Officer John Murphy Bennett.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1304 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 27, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House