

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, Deputy Dirk Ray Knearem of the Chambers County  
10 Sheriff's Office exemplified in his personal and professional  
11 conduct the singular virtues of courage, integrity, and unwavering  
12 dedication; and

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

17           WHEREAS, Killed in the line of duty on October 17, 2004, 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 Deputy Dirk Ray  
2 Knearem of the Chambers County Sheriff's Office and extend deepest  
3 sympathy to his family, friends, and fellow officers; and, be it  
4 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 Deputy Dirk Ray Knearem.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1318 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 27, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House