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H.C.R. No. 212

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In each generation of Americans, a select group of
2 brave, devoted men and women have become peace officers, dedicating
3 their lives to the protection and safekeeping of their fellow
4 citizens and serving our nation and this great state despite
5 ever-present dangers and risks to their personal safety; and

6 WHEREAS, Recognizing the often unsung contributions of these
7 civil servants, the 87th United States Congress and President John
8 F. Kennedy designated May 15 and the week within which May 15 occurs
9 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and National Police Week,
10 respectively; proud traditions since 1962, these observances
11 remind all citizens of the duties and sacrifices of law enforcement
12 officers; and

13 WHEREAS, Texans have long revered their solemn obligation to
14 commemorate the officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice,
15 including the more than 110 Texas peace officers who have died in
16 the line of duty since 1996, and the many officers who have become
17 disabled while protecting the public welfare; the 77th Texas
18 Legislature venerated these officers and their families by
19 requiring the state flag to be flown at half-staff on Peace
20 Officers' Memorial Day, and it is appropriate that the legislature
21 again call on all Texans to honor the nearly 69,000 active law
22 enforcement officers in Texas and their fallen colleagues in
23 observance of Peace Officers' Memorial Day and National Police
24 Week; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 direct that the state flag be displayed at half-staff each year on
3 May 15, Peace Officers' Memorial Day, in accordance with Section
4 3100.065, Government Code; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the legislature call on all Texans to observe
6 National Police Week.