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H.C.R. No. 226

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Smith County lost a trusted law  
2 enforcement officer on June 7, 2006, when Constable Dale David  
3 Geddie was killed in the line of duty, at the age of 45; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 19, 1960, to Otis and Sandra Geddie,  
5 Dale Geddie graduated from Winona High School in 1979; following in  
6 the footsteps of his father, a former Smith County sheriff's  
7 deputy, he pursued a law enforcement career as a jailer with the  
8 Smith County Sheriff's Office; in 1986, he graduated as  
9 valedictorian from the East Texas Police Academy at Kilgore College  
10 and subsequently transferred to the Criminal Investigations  
11 Division as a deputy investigator; he served as a patrol officer, a  
12 patrol sergeant, and an undercover narcotics officer before leaving  
13 law enforcement in 1996 for other endeavors, including opening the  
14 Loveday-Geddie Private Investigations and Polygraph Service; and

15 WHEREAS, Less than a decade later, Mr. Geddie signed on as a  
16 reserve deputy for Smith County and soon decided to enter his first  
17 political race as a 2004 candidate for constable of Precinct 4;  
18 campaigning on the promise to revitalize the office, he easily won  
19 the majority vote and set about working to fulfill his oath; his  
20 brief term was marked by steady activity and a persistent effort to  
21 prevent and address crime; he was known for his meticulous  
22 documentation of each case and for his calm and brave leadership  
23 that inspired his fellow officers; and

24 WHEREAS, Constable Geddie was a member of numerous

1 professional organizations, including the Fraternal Order of  
2 Police, the Smith County Peace Officers Association, the Sheriffs'  
3 Association of Texas, the Justices of the Peace and Constables  
4 Association of Texas, the East Texas Peace Officers Association,  
5 and the Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County; and

6 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and son, he was a man of  
7 deep faith and a valued member of the First Baptist Church of  
8 Winona; and

9 WHEREAS, Although his journey on this earth ended far too  
10 soon, Dale Geddie will long be remembered for his courage, his  
11 integrity, and his genuine dedication to the people of Smith  
12 County; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby pay tribute to the life of Constable Dale David Geddie and  
15 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
16 Leisa Geddie; to his son, Justin Geddie; to his stepson, Jake  
17 Woodall; to his parents, Otis and Sandra Geddie; to his sister,  
18 Kathy Watson; to his uncle, Freddie Germany; to his nieces, Julie  
19 Burleyson and Carol and Melissa Johnston; and to his other  
20 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
24 Constable Dale David Geddie.