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H.R. No. 1264

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Firefighter Phillip Wayne Townsend of Denison died
2 in the line of duty on December 30, 2006, at the age of 31, and the
3 tragic passing of this heroic Texan has deeply saddened the
4 community he served and all who were privileged to know him; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Townsend exemplified, in his personal and
6 professional conduct, the virtues of courage, integrity, and
7 unwavering dedication; and

8 WHEREAS, Born on January 8, 1975, Phillip Townsend followed
9 in the footsteps of his father, Larry Townsend, when he joined the
10 Denison Fire Department; in addition to his work as a firefighter,
11 he had previously served this state and nation in the U.S. Army and
12 had completed a tour of duty in Iraq; at the time of his death, he
13 was studying to become a paramedic; and

14 WHEREAS, Phillip Townsend was a passionate defender of life
15 and property; although his years on this earth ended far too soon,
16 the selflessness and bravery that he demonstrated throughout his
17 service and the love he shared with his family and friends ensures
18 that he will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Phillip Wayne
21 Townsend and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
22 to his mother, Sherry Richardson; to his father, Larry Townsend and
23 his fiancée, Lori Harbour; to his children, Maddox, Tristen, and
24 Rylen Townsend; to his girlfriend, Teresa Curtis and her daughter,

1 Kassidy; to his grandparents, Clede Richardson and Marvin and Helen
2 Townsend; to his sisters, Stormy Sparks and her husband, Randy, and
3 Lauren Walton; to his nieces, Deni Townsend, Keely Cornell, and
4 Megan Sparks; to his nephews, Colby Cornell and Micah Sparks; and to
5 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Phillip
9 Wayne Townsend.