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H.R. No. 1403

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Galveston County have lost a
2 dedicated peace officer with the death of Constable Charles D. Gay
3 of Santa Fe on March 30, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, "Skip" Gay was born on July 15, 1940, in McRae,
5 Arkansas, and he had been a resident of Santa Fe, Texas, for 43
6 years; after working as a carpenter for more than two decades, he
7 became interested in public service and worked as a reserve officer
8 for the Galveston County Sheriff's office; he later became a deputy
9 constable for Precinct No. 4 in Galveston County; he was elected
10 constable of the precinct in 1983, and he ably served its residents
11 in that capacity until the time of his death; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as a public official,
13 Constable Gay was involved in various community and recreational
14 activities; a member of the Methodist faith, he was also active in
15 the Democratic Club in Santa Fe and was an honorary member of the
16 Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3789; and

17 WHEREAS, A friend to many, Mr. Gay was especially devoted to
18 his wife of more than 35 years, Dolores Gay, and their six children,
19 Rick, Ronny, Randy, Anita, Lisa, and Pamela; he also enjoyed the
20 companionship of his dog, Daisey, and his horse, Smoke; and

21 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Skip Gay will
22 long remember this true Texas gentleman who championed public
23 safety, whose calm demeanor inspired confidence in those around
24 him, and who brightened the lives of countless individuals with his

1 delightful sense of humor; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles D. Gay and
4 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
5 Dolores Gay; to his children, Rick Turrentine, Ronny Turrentine,
6 Randy Turrentine and his wife, Mary, Anita Weldon and her husband,
7 Cody, Lisa David and her husband, Jerrel, and Pamela Secades and her
8 husband, Rio; to his grandchildren, Meredith, Karissa, Kandace,
9 Shawna, Ashley, Randy, Steven, Rush, Alex, Darby, Shelby, and
10 Greyson; to his great-grandchildren, Mason, Marissa, Haze, Jagger,
11 and Audrey; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Constable
16 Charles Gay.