

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The tragic death of Game Warden Justin Philip Hurst  
2 of El Campo on March 17, 2007, has brought a great loss to his  
3 Southeast Texas community and to his fellow law enforcement  
4 professionals throughout the state; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on March 17, 1973, Justin Hurst was killed in  
6 the line of duty on the morning of his 34th birthday, following the  
7 pursuit of a man suspected of illegal hunting; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst graduated in 1991 from Conroe High School  
9 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in wildlife ecology from  
10 Texas A&M University; during college, he assisted with wildlife  
11 research projects at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and  
12 subsequently served as a biologist with the agency for seven years;  
13 in 2002, after graduating from the 48th Game Warden Academy, he  
14 began his career as a peace officer in Wharton County; and

15           WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman since youth, Mr. Hurst worked as  
16 a waterfowl guide in high school, gaining an extensive knowledge of  
17 migratory birds that made him especially well suited to work in the  
18 Gulf prairie region; his expertise was highly respected by his  
19 colleagues, and he was often called on to teach waterfowl  
20 identification classes at the Game Warden Academy; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst impressed others with his strong work  
22 ethic, his determination to succeed, and his quiet and unassuming  
23 leadership; he was the devoted husband of Amanda Wilcox Hurst, with  
24 whom he enjoyed many special times at Tres Palacios Bay, and he

1 delighted in his new role as father to their infant son, Kyle Hunter  
2 Hurst; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hurst was a member of the Texas Game Warden  
4 Association, the Texas Wildlife Association, Ducks Unlimited, and  
5 the Coastal Conservation Association; in addition, he was a valued  
6 member of the First United Methodist Church of El Campo, where he  
7 served on the administrative board; and

8 WHEREAS, Justin Hurst possessed a genuine love of the  
9 outdoors and an enthusiasm for protecting its bounty for the  
10 enjoyment of his fellow Texans; although his life has ended far too  
11 soon, it is fitting to remember the passion he brought to all his  
12 endeavors and the positive way in which he touched the lives of  
13 those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Game Warden Justin  
16 Philip Hurst and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
17 family: to his wife, Amanda Wilcox Hurst; to his son, Kyle Hunter  
18 Hurst; to his parents, Allen and Pat Hurst; to his brother, Greg  
19 Hurst; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
20 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Justin  
24 Philip Hurst.

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Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
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Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
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Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
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Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1449

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1449 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 18, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House