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H.R. No. 1449

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.