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H.R. No. 1512

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Irving lost a dedicated public  
2 servant with the tragic passing of Officer Andrew Albert Esparza in  
3 the line of duty on April 13, 2007, at the age of 26, while coming to  
4 the aid of a fellow officer; and

5           WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of North Texas, Andrew Esparza  
6 was born in Fort Worth on April 29, 1980, and graduated from  
7 Burleson High School in 1998; he earned degrees in business  
8 marketing and Spanish from The University of Texas at Arlington and  
9 followed in his brother's footsteps when he joined the Irving  
10 Police Department in 2005; and

11           WHEREAS, Officer Esparza's expertise and professionalism  
12 belied his age and earned him the respect and admiration of his  
13 peers; chosen to serve on the department's SWAT team, he was known  
14 for his desire to help others and was always eager to lend a hand to  
15 individuals in need; and

16           WHEREAS, In his free time, this active and vibrant young  
17 Texan enjoyed hunting, fishing, baseball, softball, and rock  
18 climbing; above all else, he cherished his faith and family; and

19           WHEREAS, Andrew Esparza built a life that was filled with  
20 accomplishments and meaningful service, and those who were  
21 privileged to know him will forever carry him close in their hearts;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Officer Andrew Albert

1 Esparza and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to  
2 his parents, Rafael and Christina Esparza; to his brothers, Rafael  
3 Esparza, Jr., and his wife, Jennifer, and Felix Esparza and his  
4 wife, Haylee; to his sister, Zoe Esparza; to his grandparents,  
5 Lydia Garcia and Lazaro and Olivia Cantu; to his girlfriend, Kenlie  
6 Key; to his nieces and nephews, Saeya, Sloan, Slade, and Rylee  
7 Esparza; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
8 further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Officer  
12 Andrew Albert Esparza.