

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Houston lost a respected public
2 servant with the passing of former police officer and city council
3 staff person Michael T. Howard on March 30, 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Madison High School in Houston,
5 Mr. Howard was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and had an enduring
6 interest in military history and aviation; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Howard distinguished himself with 20 years
8 of notable service to the Houston Police Department; during his
9 tenure, he contributed to many different aspects of police
10 operations, including the Central, Emergency Communications, and
11 Juvenile Divisions, and he received 83 letters of commendation,
12 three of them signed by former Mayor Bob Lanier; a strong leader and
13 organizer, he co-founded the first anti-gang unit in the city and
14 served as president of the Houston Police Patrolman's Union from
15 1990 to 1993; and

16 WHEREAS, After his retirement from the force, he became
17 active in local politics and worked as chief of staff for city
18 council members Toni Lawrence and Bert Keller; his excellent
19 interpersonal skills, strong work ethic, and dedication to serving
20 the public stood him well in these positions, and his upbeat
21 personality and sense of humor helped brighten the workday of his
22 colleagues in city government; and

23 WHEREAS, Though Mr. Howard will be greatly missed by all who
24 knew him, his active and purposeful life had a positive impact in

1 the city of Houston that will continue to resonate in the lives of
2 its citizens for years to come through the achievements he leaves
3 behind; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Michael T. Howard and
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
7 Katherine "Kaki" Howard; to his children, Lauren and Patrick; to
8 his mother, Peggy Howard; to his sister, Tammy Lynne Eckels; and to
9 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1807

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1807 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 10, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House