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H.R. No. 1807

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.