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H.R. No. 2213

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Houston has lost an admired citizen and
2 public servant with the passing of Constable Glen D. Cheek, who died
3 on April 26, 2007, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Erma and Morgan Cheek in Rosenberg on March
5 15, 1942, Glen Cheek was a successful athlete at Orchard High School
6 before entering Wichita State University on a football scholarship;
7 while he was a starting running back for his team, it won the
8 Western Athletic Conference and earned a berth in the Sun Bowl; and

9 WHEREAS, After knee injuries effectively ended his football
10 career, Constable Cheek returned to Houston and joined the Houston
11 Police Department; he graduated from the police academy in
12 September 1963 and served as a patrolman in the Radio Patrol Bureau
13 and later as a criminal investigator; promoted to sergeant in 1969,
14 he was assigned to the Tactical Squad, the forerunner of the SWAT
15 Bureau, and then to the Southwest Patrol Bureau; and

16 WHEREAS, At the request of the captain of the Juvenile
17 Division, Glen Cheek transferred from the Patrol Bureau to that
18 unit in 1980; he joined the newly created Sex Crimes unit and
19 remained with the Juvenile Division until his retirement from the
20 police department in November 1984; and

21 WHEREAS, Glen Cheek became the chief deputy constable of
22 Precinct 5 on January 2, 1985, and over the next four years he
23 helped to develop that precinct into a respected law enforcement
24 agency; in 1988 he was elected as constable himself, and he

1 proceeded to win reelection to that office four more times, serving
2 in that post until the end of his life; and

3 WHEREAS, Glen Cheek was an effective administrator of the
4 Contract Deputy Program in Harris County; this program provides to
5 residents of contracting subdivisions highly visible and rapid
6 response to calls, which results in a substantial reduction of
7 criminal activity; in addition, the program also encourages
8 neighborhood-oriented policing by assigning deputies permanently
9 to specific communities, allowing officers to become familiar with
10 the residents of the areas they patrol; and

11 WHEREAS, Among the well-deserved accolades received by
12 Constable Cheek over the years were a citation from the 57th Texas
13 Legislature for his outstanding athletic and academic
14 accomplishments, recognition from the River Oaks Optimist Club for
15 his superb contribution to the community, a Law Enforcement Award
16 of Merit from the Exchange Club of the Magic Circle, and
17 commendation for work in high crime areas from the district
18 attorney's office; and

19 WHEREAS, Constable Cheek held lifetime membership in the
20 Houston Police Officers Association, and served on its board of
21 directors for two terms; he was also a lifetime member of the
22 Constable and Justice of the Peace Association, a member of the
23 Southwest 2000 civic organization, and an ex officio board member
24 of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; and

25 WHEREAS, A staunch supporter of programs for area youth,
26 Constable Cheek was a sponsor of Southwest Fun Football, the Alief
27 Soccer Club, the Glenshire Swim Team, Braeburn Valley Little

1 League, Westbury Little League, Bellaire Little League, and Fort
2 Bend Little League; and

3 WHEREAS, Glen D. Cheek embodied the highest ideals of the law
4 enforcement profession, and his steadfast devotion to the welfare
5 of his community is indeed deserving of his fellow citizens'
6 deepest gratitude; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Constable Glen D.
9 Cheek and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
10 his daughter, Devon Cheek; to his son, Justin Cheek; and to his
11 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Constable
15 Glen D. Cheek.