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H.R. No. 2856

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Paul Steven Habelt of the Henderson  
2 County Sheriff's Department lost his life in the line of duty on May  
3 17, 2007, at the age of 63, and his tragic death has brought great  
4 sorrow to all who knew this esteemed law enforcement professional;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Just hours after attending an annual memorial  
7 service for fallen police personnel as part of National Peace  
8 Officers Month, Deputy Habelt was killed while investigating a  
9 domestic disturbance; and

10           WHEREAS, A native of Pacific Grove, California, Paul Steven  
11 Habelt was born on October 1, 1943, to Milton and Florence Beamish  
12 Habelt; he attended public school in the San Francisco Bay area and  
13 ably served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman; and

14           WHEREAS, Deputy Habelt was a peace officer for 43 years,  
15 beginning his career with the Oakland Police Department; he later  
16 served with the South Lake Tahoe Police Department before retiring  
17 due to an injury he received in the line of duty; and

18           WHEREAS, After moving to Henderson County in 1993, Deputy  
19 Habelt joined the Henderson County Sheriff's Department the  
20 following year; during his tenure, he held the ranks of patrol  
21 deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, and investigator, and he performed  
22 his duties with pride and professionalism; and

23           WHEREAS, Deputy Habelt was a resident of Eustace and was a  
24 member of Chapter No. 28 of the Blue Knights and the Henderson

1 County Peace Officers Association; a respected member of his  
2 community, he cared deeply for the welfare and well-being of his  
3 fellow citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, Although his loved ones and law enforcement  
5 colleagues are understandably saddened by his passing, they may  
6 take some comfort in their fond memories of Paul Steven Habelt, a  
7 police officer whose achievements during his years on this earth  
8 are deserving of the greatest respect and admiration; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Paul Steven Habelt and  
12 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
13 Nita Habelt; to his sons, Christopher Habelt and Christopher  
14 Stanberry; to his daughters, Stacey Marckese and Kristie Scherbak;  
15 to his 13 grandchildren; and to the other relatives, friends, and  
16 fellow officers of this dedicated lawman; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Deputy Paul  
20 Steven Habelt.