

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 916

In Memory
of
Lester D. Tatum

WHEREAS, Texans everywhere are indebted to the fine men and women in the law enforcement profession who, by their selfless dedication to the public welfare, have enabled us to enjoy the benefits of a peaceful and orderly society; and

WHEREAS, Seldom recognized and often taken for granted by the public they so faithfully serve, these gallant individuals daily risk their lives in order to ensure domestic tranquility and protect the lives and property of others; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Lester D. Tatum of the Trinity County Sheriff's Department exemplified in his personal and professional conduct the singular virtues of courage, integrity, and unwavering dedication; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 13 years on the force, his record was one of meritorious service, loyalty, personal bravery, and self-sacrifice consistent with the high ideals of the law enforcement profession; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Tatum was killed in the line of duty on December 28, 2005; his untimely death was a tragic loss to his family, to his fellow peace officers, and to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, His legacy of heroic dedication and self-sacrifice will endure and continue to be a source of inspiration to those who follow in a difficult but essential profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,
80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of
Deputy Lester D. Tatum of the Trinity County Sheriff's Department
and extend deepest sympathy to his family, his friends, and his
fellow officers; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for
the members of his family, and that when the Senate adjourns this
day, it do so in memory of Deputy Lester D. Tatum.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on April 30, 2007, by a
rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate