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H.C.R. No. 186

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and a host of friends are mourning the
2 untimely loss of Kyle W. Perkins of Kilgore, who died on January 25,
3 2009, at the age of 45; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the Kilgore Fire Department for more
5 than four years, Mr. Perkins and another firefighter lost their
6 lives in the line of duty during a training exercise; and

7 WHEREAS, Kyle Perkins was born in Houston on June 19, 1963, to
8 Loree Baird Perkins Samford and William Lee Perkins; he grew up in
9 Houston and Whittier, California, and graduated from Kilgore High
10 School in 1981; he went on to attend Kilgore College, where he was a
11 member of the marching band and the stage band; and

12 WHEREAS, Starting in high school, Mr. Perkins worked with his
13 grandfather, Marvin Baird, at Baird Tire Company in Kilgore; he
14 later became the owner and operator of the business; and

15 WHEREAS, At the age of 40, Mr. Perkins decided he wanted to
16 serve his community as a firefighter, and in 2003, he graduated from
17 the Kilgore College Fire Academy; the following year, he became a
18 member of the Kilgore Fire Department and the Kilgore Rescue Unit;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Perkins was an engaged member of his community,
21 serving two terms as president of the Rotary Club and becoming a
22 Paul Harris Fellow; he was an assistant scoutmaster for Boy Scout
23 Troop 252 and one of the mountain men reenactors known as the
24 Pineywoods Buckskinners; his passion for music was expressed

1 through his performances with the Sabine River Bottom Tune Shiners
2 quartet and the Sound Connection men's chorus; and

3 WHEREAS, A man of strong faith, Mr. Perkins was a deacon at
4 Chandler Street Church of Christ; he was warmhearted, generous, and
5 optimistic, often volunteering to help others without any thought
6 of recognition or reward, and he will be long remembered by all
7 those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby pay tribute to the life of Kyle W. Perkins and extend sincere
10 condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Linda
11 Perkins; to his daughter, Laura Perkins; to his son, Travis
12 Perkins; to his mother, Loree Baird Perkins Samford; to his father,
13 William Lee Perkins; to his sister, Lanea Cope; to his
14 parents-in-law, Larry and Carlene Partain; to his brothers-in-law,
15 Alan Partain and his wife, Courtney, and Steven Partain and his
16 wife, Cheri; to his nieces, La Rea' Fallis, Danielle Fallis, and
17 Lashea Cope; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
22 Kyle Perkins.