

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Detective Thomas Luell Keen of the Harris County
2 Sheriff's Office died on September 15, 2008, from injuries
3 sustained in the line of duty, and his untimely death is a tragic
4 loss to his family, his fellow peace officers, and the citizens he
5 served; and

6 WHEREAS, Tommy Keen was born on November 29, 1948; answering
7 his nation's call to arms as a young man, he served two tours of duty
8 in Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Keen's distinguished career in law enforcement
10 began when he joined the Harris County Sheriff's Office in April of
11 1973; after working in the detention division for two years, he
12 became a patrolman; within a year, he was promoted to the detective
13 bureau; and

14 WHEREAS, During his 32 years with the bureau, Detective Keen
15 investigated vice, property crime, domestic violence cases, and
16 robberies; at the time of his death, this dedicated peace officer
17 was engaged in the recovery from Hurricane Ike; and

18 WHEREAS, Detective Keen was a leader in his profession; he
19 served for a number of years as vice chairman of the Gulf Coast
20 Criminal Investigators Association, where he worked to promote
21 coordination between Houston area law enforcement agencies and
22 local businesses; in 1982, he was named a 100 Club Officer of the
23 Year, and throughout his career, he exemplified the virtues of
24 courage and integrity and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to

1 duty; and

2 WHEREAS, Detective Keen was a devoted husband and a loving
3 father; his dedication to his family, the sheriff's office, and his
4 community earned him the respect and affection of all who knew him;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Texans everywhere are indebted to the brave men and
7 women of law enforcement who risk their lives to protect the safety
8 and welfare of the public, and Detective Tommy Keen has earned a
9 lasting debt of gratitude for his sacrifice; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Luell Keen and
12 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
13 wife, Jana Keen; to his son, Cody Keen; and to his other relatives,
14 friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Detective
18 Thomas Luell Keen.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 61

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 61 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 10, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House