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H.R. No. 61

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.