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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Residents of Wichita Falls lost a generous and
dedicated public servant with the passing of John Curry on February
17, 2009, at the age of 47; and

WHEREAS, An alumnus of The University of Texas School of Law, Mr. Curry began his career in public service soon after his 1987 graduation, when he joined Wichita County as an assistant public defender; his distinguished service in that position led to his promotion to chief public defender in 1992; throughout his 19-year tenure, he was known for his dedication, hard work, and the legal expertise he brought to the cases of everyone he represented; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry afforded those who retained his services 12 the dignity and respect due to every human being, regardless of 13 their circumstances; a kind man of strong principles and character, 14 he did not judge people for past mistakes, nor did he hesitate to 15 provide assistance to those in need; and

16 WHEREAS, John Curry believed in protecting the rights of the 17 underrepresented and less privileged members of his community, and 18 he leaves behind a legacy of public service that will continue to 19 inspire all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now, 20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st 22 Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John Curry and 23 extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, be 24 it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Curry.