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H.R. No. 1431

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Combined Law Enforcement  
2 Associations of Texas are holding their 12th biennial Texas Peace  
3 Officers' Memorial Ceremony on May 4, 2009, and this solemn event  
4 provides a fitting opportunity to honor those heroic public  
5 servants who placed themselves in harm's way to safeguard the lives  
6 and property of their fellow Texans; and

7           WHEREAS, Citizens throughout the state appreciate the brave  
8 officers who, by their selfless dedication to the public welfare,  
9 enable us to enjoy the benefits of a peaceful and orderly society;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, These men and women willingly risk their lives each  
12 day in order to investigate crimes and to patrol our roadways,  
13 communities, prisons, parks, and borderlands; moreover, they  
14 respond in times of crisis, and they also work to educate the public  
15 about crime prevention, adherence to the law, and safety awareness;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Trooper James Scott Burns of the Texas Department of  
18 Public Safety exemplified in his professional conduct the virtues  
19 of courage, dedication, and fortitude throughout his five years of  
20 service with the department; and

21           WHEREAS, On April 29, 2008, James Scott Burns was killed in  
22 the line of duty, and his untimely death represents a tragic loss to  
23 his family, to his fellow officers, and to the entire community;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, The heroism of James Scott Burns has earned this  
2 esteemed Texan our deepest gratitude, which the passage of time can  
3 never diminish; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Trooper James Scott  
6 Burns of the Texas Department of Public Safety and extend deepest  
7 sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

8           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
10 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James  
11 Scott Burns.