

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, Officer Mark Simmons of the Amarillo Police
18 Department exemplified in his professional conduct the virtues of
19 courage, dedication, and fortitude throughout his six years of
20 service with the department; and

21 WHEREAS, On December 17, 2008, Mark Simmons was killed in the
22 line of duty, and his untimely death represents a tragic loss to his
23 family, to his fellow officers, and to the entire community; and

24 WHEREAS, The heroism of Mark Simmons has earned this esteemed

1 Texan our deepest gratitude, which the passage of time can never
2 diminish; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Officer Mark Simmons
5 of the Amarillo Police Department and extend deepest sympathy to
6 his loved ones; and, be it further

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

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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	Peña
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. 1459

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1459 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 22, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House