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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.