

By: Cook

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Salvation Army Major Charles  
2 Anderson on April 8, 2009, at the age of 44, has brought a profound  
3 loss to his family, his friends, and the many people he helped in  
4 Corsicana and Navarro County; and

5           WHEREAS, A man of tremendous energy and limitless compassion,  
6 Chuck Anderson was born to a long line of Salvation Army officers,  
7 as was his wife, Beth; the couple first met as children at a  
8 Salvation Army camp and reconnected some years later; their  
9 long-distance romance culminated in marriage in 1990, and they  
10 later became the parents of three treasured children; and

11           WHEREAS, Major Anderson and his wife, also a major, formed a  
12 loving and effective team; before their posting to Corsicana, they  
13 helped build a church in Mobile, Alabama, and were disaster  
14 coordinators at a headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi; they also  
15 supervised construction of a homeless shelter in Lake Charles,  
16 Louisiana, where Major Anderson particularly enjoyed serving as  
17 chaplain to the fire department; and

18           WHEREAS, In his role as head of the Salvation Army in Navarro  
19 County, Major Anderson shared his steadfast faith on a daily basis,  
20 delivering sermons at the church and ministering to those seeking  
21 hope and inspiration; he lived in modest circumstances, with few  
22 material possessions, and was always ready to provide others with  
23 practical assistance; when hurricane evacuees took shelter in the  
24 area, he volunteered to help in every way he could; and

1           WHEREAS, This tireless benefactor and his dedicated family  
2 labored with special diligence at the holidays to secure food and  
3 clothing for those less fortunate and to distribute toys to needy  
4 children, bringing delight to young hearts; Major Anderson's simple  
5 pleasures included watching the antics of the Three Stooges; he was  
6 thrilled to receive a van from Salvation Army headquarters, which  
7 allowed him to travel wherever he could offer the most assistance,  
8 and he drove it nearly every day for such purposes as supporting  
9 emergency responders and serving meals to residents of an  
10 impoverished neighborhood; and

11           WHEREAS, Concerned about the effects of the recession on  
12 vulnerable people, Major Anderson established a food ministry,  
13 worked to promote cooperation among local social service agencies  
14 and churches, and advocated for proactive measures in anticipation  
15 of an increasing need for services; and

16           WHEREAS, Chuck Anderson found great joy in serving others,  
17 and although he will be deeply missed, those who were fortunate  
18 enough to know him will remember forever the generosity with which  
19 he lived each day; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Salvation Army Major  
22 Charles Anderson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
23 family: to his wife, Major Beth Anderson; to his children, Caleb,  
24 Rebekah, and Aaron Anderson; and to his other relatives and  
25 friends; and, be it further

26           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Major Chuck  
2 Anderson.