

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of the Bayou City lost a brave and  
2 admirable public servant when Captain James Arthur Harlow, Sr., of  
3 the Houston Fire Department died in the line of duty on April 12,  
4 2009, at the age of 49; and

5           WHEREAS, An East Texas native, James Harlow was born on May  
6 18, 1959, and he went on to join the fire department in 1979; he was  
7 a skilled firefighter who was always ready for a challenge and who  
8 assisted fire victims with the utmost kindness and compassion; he  
9 achieved the rank of captain in 2004 and garnered the lasting  
10 respect of his colleagues at Fire Station No. 26 for his friendly  
11 and approachable demeanor; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly three decades with the  
13 Houston Fire Department, Captain Harlow never wavered in his  
14 dedication to his work; he demonstrated his commitment to helping  
15 others on many occasions, including during Hurricane Ike, when he  
16 drove to the station through the storm's powerful wind and rain in  
17 order to assist in the disaster; fittingly, this esteemed Texan is  
18 posthumously being awarded the Medal of Honor from both the Houston  
19 Fire Department and the International Association of Firefighters;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Captain Harlow further distinguished himself as a  
22 devoted family man; he shared 29 years with his wife, Debbie, and  
23 the couple were blessed with three children and four grandchildren;  
24 in addition, Captain Harlow was known for being a sports fan, a

1 mechanic, and an avid hunter and fisherman, and his fellow  
2 firefighters affectionately referred to him as "Captain Hogleg," in  
3 reference to his thick East Texas accent and his love of cooking  
4 wild game; and

5 WHEREAS, Devoted to the safety and well-being of his fellow  
6 citizens, Captain Harlow exemplified the highest standards of his  
7 profession, and his courageous service and immeasurable sacrifice  
8 will forever be remembered by all those whose lives he touched; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Captain James  
12 Arthur Harlow, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
13 his family: to his wife, Debbie Harlow; to his children, Brandy  
14 Rooth and her husband, Ron, James Harlow, Jr., and his wife,  
15 Jessica, and Travis Harlow and his wife, Amber; to his  
16 grandchildren, Avery, Darrah, Payton, and Karrah; to his parents,  
17 James and Virginia Harlow; to his siblings, Terri Perricone and her  
18 husband, Phillip, Christie Harlow, and David Harlow and his wife,  
19 Pam; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Captain  
23 James Harlow.

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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. 2147

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2147 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 18, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House