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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.