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S.C.R. No. 71

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a dedicated law enforcement  
2 officer when Texas game warden George Harold Whatley, Jr., died in  
3 the line of duty on October 10, 2008, at the age of 45; and

4           WHEREAS, A graduate of the 52nd Texas Game Warden Academy in  
5 2007, Game Warden Whatley was stationed in Van Horn as a member of  
6 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement division;  
7 he upheld the highest standards of his profession during his time  
8 with the agency, and he played an active role in protecting the  
9 state's environment, wildlife, and natural resources; and

10          WHEREAS, George Whatley was born in Atlanta, Texas, on  
11 September 19, 1963; he graduated from Linden-Kildare High School in  
12 1982 and went on to earn a degree at The University of Texas at Tyler  
13 in 1986; an individual of many interests and talents, he worked in a  
14 variety of occupations, including those of teacher, tree planter,  
15 construction worker, rancher, and railcar mechanic, before  
16 beginning his service as a game warden; and

17          WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and  
18 support of his wife, Kelly, and his sons, Samuel and Seth, and he  
19 also took great comfort in his spiritual faith; and

20          WHEREAS, Known for the professionalism that he exhibited in  
21 his work, for his profound commitment to upholding the laws of our  
22 state, and for his devotion to his family and his faith, George  
23 Whatley will forever be remembered with great admiration and  
24 affection; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
2 hereby pay tribute to the life of George Harold Whatley, Jr., and  
3 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his  
4 wife, Kelly Mitchell Whatley; to his sons, Samuel Miles Whatley and  
5 Seth Mitchell Whatley; to his siblings, Michael Whatley and his  
6 wife, Kandi, Susie Jackson and her husband, Randy, Sandy Whatley,  
7 and Sharon Crowder and her husband, Ricky; to his mother-in-law,  
8 Lois Mitchell; to his sister-in-law, Letha Mitchell Cross, and her  
9 husband, Mike; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
10 further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
14 Game Warden Whatley.