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H.R. No. 242

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Arlington police officer Jillian Michelle Smith was
2 killed in the line of duty on December 28, 2010, at the age of 24,
3 and her untimely death was a tragic loss to her family, to her
4 fellow peace officers, and to the residents of her community; and

5 WHEREAS, Jillian Smith was born to Douglas and Sonya Smith on
6 December 18, 1986, in Arlington; after graduating from Juan Seguin
7 High School in 2005, she earned her bachelor's degree in
8 criminology and criminal justice with honors from The University of
9 Texas at Arlington in August 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, Pursuing her long-held dream of becoming a police
11 officer, Ms. Smith joined the Arlington Police Department in
12 February 2010 and graduated from the Arlington Police Academy in
13 August; after completing field training on December 13, 2010, she
14 began her evening patrol assignment in the South Arlington
15 district; her strong work ethic and determination were recognized
16 by her classmates at the academy and by her field training officers;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Arlington, Officer Smith was
19 passionate about protecting the citizens of her community; she was
20 also a dedicated member of Mount Olive Baptist Church, where in her
21 younger days she enjoyed singing with the youth choir; known for her
22 adventurous spirit and her warm smile, Officer Smith was deeply
23 cherished by her family and friends; and

24 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan embodied the highest ideals of

1 her profession, and her heroism, humanity, and sacrifice will long
2 be remembered by all those whose lives she touched; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Officer Jillian
6 Michelle Smith and extend deepest sympathy to the members of her
7 family: to her parents, Douglas and Sonya Smith; to her sister,
8 Jessica Smith; to her nephew, Cameron Smith; and to her many other
9 relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Officer
13 Jillian Michelle Smith.