

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Citizens of Montague County suffered an  
2 immeasurable loss with the passing of Senior Corporal David Ralph  
3 Slaton on September 20, 2010, at the age of 56; and

4           WHEREAS, A trooper with the Texas Department of Public  
5 Safety, Corporal Slaton died as the result of a traffic accident  
6 while he was on duty, and his death has had a profound impact on both  
7 the extended circle of law enforcement officers to which he  
8 belonged and the community that adopted him as one of its own; and

9           WHEREAS, Born in Texarkana on October 11, 1953, David Slaton  
10 graduated from Texas High School in 1971 and completed training to  
11 become a state trooper in 1974; his first assignment took him to  
12 Bowie, where he ultimately spent his entire career; an imposing  
13 presence, Corporal Slaton brought to his work a tireless dedication  
14 and an unfailing professionalism, qualities that earned him the  
15 deep respect of colleagues and fellow citizens alike; and

16           WHEREAS, David Slaton contributed to his community in his  
17 off-duty hours, as well; he especially enjoyed coaching youth  
18 basketball and Little League teams, and he was an enthusiastic  
19 supporter of Jackrabbit sports; other favorite pastimes included  
20 golfing and exploring the digital world through his computer; and

21           WHEREAS, Though his vocation was a demanding one, Corporal  
22 Slaton handled its challenges with a strength of spirit that shone  
23 through all his endeavors; his cheerful nature and irrepressible  
24 grin were as much a trademark of this widely admired Texan as his

1 towering, six-and-a-half-foot frame; and

2 WHEREAS, David Slaton and his wife, the former Lynetta  
3 Boudreaux, exchanged wedding vows on February 27, 1982, at First  
4 Baptist Church in Bowie; they shared a rewarding marriage of 28  
5 years and became the proud parents of a son, Bo; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout his long and honorable career, David  
7 Slaton exemplified the highest ideals of his profession, and those  
8 who were privileged to share in the warmth of his affection will  
9 forever hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Senior Corporal David  
12 Ralph Slaton and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
13 family: to his wife, Lynetta Slaton; to his son, Bo Slaton; to his  
14 parents, Ralph Owen and Anne Belle Slaton; to his sisters, Deanna  
15 Torrens and her husband, George, and Teresa Moss; to his  
16 mother-in-law, LaVella Boudreaux; to his brother-in-law, Robert  
17 Boudreaux; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Senior  
22 Corporal David Ralph Slaton.

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| Aycock               | Harless                | Parker              |
| Beck                 | Harper-Brown           | Patrick             |
| Berman               | Hartnett               | Paxton              |
| Bohac                | Hernandez Luna         | Pena                |
| Bonnen               | Hilderbran             | Perry               |
| Branch               | Hochberg               | Phillips            |
| Brown                | Hopson                 | Pickett             |
| Burkett              | Howard of Fort Bend    | Pitts               |
| Burnam               | Howard of Travis       | Price               |
| Button               | Huberty                | Quintanilla         |
| Cain                 | Hughes                 | Raymond             |
| Callegari            | Hunter                 | Reynolds            |
| Carter               | Isaac                  | Riddle              |
| Castro               | Jackson                | Ritter              |
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| Christian            | Keffer                 | Schwertner          |
| Coleman              | King of Parker         | Scott               |
| Cook                 | King of Taylor         | Sheets              |
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| Crownover            | Kolkhorst              | Simpson             |
| Darby                | Kuempel                | Smith of Harris     |
| Davis of Dallas      | Landtroop              | Smith of Tarrant    |
| J. Davis of Harris   | Larson                 | Smithee             |
| S. Davis of Harris   | Laubenberg             | Solomons            |
| Deshotel             | Lavender               | Strama              |
| Driver               | Legler                 | Taylor of Collin    |
| Dukes                | Lewis                  | Taylor of Galveston |
| Dutton               | Lozano                 | Thompson            |
| Eiland               | Lucio III              | Torres              |
| Eissler              | Lyne                   | Truitt              |
| Elkins               | Madden                 | Turner              |
| Farias               | Mallory Caraway        | Veasey              |
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| Fletcher             | Marquez                | Vo                  |
| Flynn                | Martinez               | Walle               |
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| Gallego              | McClendon              | White               |
| Garza                | Menendez               | Woolley             |
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| Gonzales of Hidalgo  | Miller of Erath        | Zerwas              |

H.R. No. 500

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 500 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 3, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House