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H.R. No. 500

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.