

By: King of Taylor

H.R. No. 565

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The people of Abilene lost a brave and highly
2 respected public servant when police officer Rodney Holder was
3 killed in the line of duty on April 29, 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Rodney Holder was born to Worth and Lillian Holder
5 on April 18, 1960, in Auburn, Alabama; in 1963 he moved with his
6 family to Abilene, where he graduated from Cooper High School in
7 1978; he enlisted in the United States Army the following year and
8 served with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North
9 Carolina; and

10 WHEREAS, His term of enlistment completed, Officer Holder
11 returned to Texas and joined the Abilene Police Department in
12 September 1982; after graduating from the police academy on January
13 7, 1983, he began his first assignment with the patrol division and
14 quickly began to distinguish himself through his dedication and
15 professionalism; in addition to working as a patrol officer, he
16 served as a member of the SWAT team and as a detective with the
17 criminal investigation division; he became a motorcycle officer
18 with the traffic division in 2005; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Holder was predeceased by his first wife,
20 Robin Johnson Holder; fortunate to find love a second time, he
21 married Annemarie Rankin on June 4, 1994; this devoted husband was
22 also a caring father to his two children, Hilary and Kyler, and he
23 took great delight in his twin granddaughters, Reese and Rylee; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Rodney Holder upheld the

1 highest standards of his profession, and those who were privileged
2 to share in the warmth of his affection will forever hold him close
3 in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Officer Rodney
6 Holder and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
7 his wife, Annemarie Holder; to his son, Kyler Holder; to his
8 daughter, Hilary Holder Erfurt, and her husband, Scotty; to his
9 granddaughters, Reese and Rylee Erfurt; to his mother, Lillian
10 Holder; to his sister, Jennifer Holder Rowley; and to his other
11 relatives and friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Officer
15 Rodney Holder.