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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wharton lost a brave and admirable
2 public servant when Captain Thomas Araguz III of the Wharton
3 Volunteer Fire Department died in the line of duty on July 3, 2010,
4 at the age of 30; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on June 30, 1980, to Thomas Araguz, Jr., and
6 Simona Rodriguez Longoria, Thomas Trevino Araguz was a church altar
7 server and graduated from Wharton High School and Wharton County
8 Junior College; as a youth, he played the bass guitar and trumpet
9 and took part in Boy Scout activities; and

10 WHEREAS, He joined the Wharton Volunteer Fire Department at
11 the age of 18, and during his 11-year career he courageously served
12 his fellow citizens; he reached the rank of captain in the
13 department on January 9, 2010, and weeks before his death he became
14 a peace officer in the Wharton County Sheriff's Office; and

15 WHEREAS, Above all, Captain Araguz prized the time he spent
16 with his two sons, Trevor and Tyler, and enjoyed camping and
17 building model airplanes with them; and

18 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of his profession,
19 Captain Thomas Araguz III made immeasurable contributions to his
20 community, and he will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts
21 of his many loved ones; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Captain Thomas Araguz
24 III and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his passing;

1 and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Captain
5 Thomas Araguz III.