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H.R. No. 2582

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Officer Patrick Sirois was posthumously recognized
2 by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
3 Education with its 2010 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement
4 Award for Valor; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 23, 2010, Officer Sirois was traveling
6 to Oklahoma for the Thanksgiving holiday; although he was off duty,
7 he stopped his vehicle to help a stranded motorist near Eufaula;
8 while he and the driver spoke on the shoulder of the highway,
9 Officer Sirois saw another car speeding directly toward them;
10 without hesitation, he pushed the stranded driver out of harm's way
11 but was fatally injured himself; he was 50 years old at the time of
12 his death; and

13 WHEREAS, Before becoming a police officer, Pat Sirois served
14 this nation for 23 years as a member of the United States Army and
15 earned many commendations for his outstanding efforts, including
16 the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit; he retired from his career
17 in the military in 2002 as a command sergeant major and joined the
18 Fort Hood Police Department; he was also a reserve officer in the
19 Nolanville Police Department, where he was named Officer of the
20 Year in 2009; and

21 WHEREAS, In the final moments of his life, Officer Sirois
22 demonstrated the courage, decisiveness, and self-sacrifice that
23 defined his career, and it is indeed fitting that his heroism be
24 recognized with this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Officer Patrick
3 Sirois in recognition of his receipt of the 2010 State of Texas Law
4 Enforcement Achievement Award for Valor and extend sincere
5 condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Karen
6 Howe-Sirois; to his children, Patrick Sirois, Jr., and Debra
7 Lipham; to his mother, Claire Jalbert, and her husband, Arthur; to
8 his sisters, Carol Levesque and Gloria Beaudoin; to his brother,
9 Phillip Sirois; to his nephews, Shaun, Kenneth, Randy, and Michael;
10 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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