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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Bryan lost a heroic public servant when
2 Lieutenant Gregory Wade Pickard died in the line of duty on February
3 16, 2013, while attempting to save the life of a fellow firefighter;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Oklahoma on February 4, 1959, to Robert and
6 Carla Pickard, Greg Pickard later moved with his family to Italy,
7 Texas; it was there that he met the love of his life, Susie, and the
8 couple were married in 1980; shortly thereafter, they moved to
9 College Station to attend Texas A&M University; and

10 WHEREAS, That same year, Mr. Pickard joined the Bryan Fire
11 Department; an original member of the department's rescue team, he
12 also belonged to Texas Task Force 1 and served as manager of the
13 urban search and rescue team; he was rescue division commander at
14 the time of the 1999 Texas A&M bonfire collapse and helped to lead
15 the department's response through that difficult tragedy;
16 respected and admired by his fellow firefighters, he went on to
17 serve as battalion chief for six years; and

18 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Pickard was certified as an advanced
19 firefighter and as an emergency medical technician, and over the
20 course of his 32-year tenure as a firefighter, he established a
21 number of important departmental protocols; he also served as a
22 mentor to many and had the pleasure of seeing his son become a
23 firefighter in College Station; and

24 WHEREAS, A man of faith, Lieutenant Pickard belonged to

1 Calvary Baptist Church for a quarter of a century; he liked to spend
2 his summers traveling with his loved ones, and he was also an avid
3 golfer; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, this devoted family man
5 enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Susan, with whom he shared
6 32 years, and he took great pride in their children, Jacob and
7 Robin, and their grandchildren, Caroline, Wade, and Catherine; and

8 WHEREAS, Although Greg Pickard will be deeply missed, the
9 courage, passion, and selflessness with which he lived his life
10 will forever inspire all who had the good fortune to know him; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lieutenant Greg
14 Pickard and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
15 his wife, Susan Pickard; to his son, Jacob Pickard; to his daughter,
16 Robin Carpenter, and her husband, Michael; to his grandchildren,
17 Caroline, Wade, and Catherine; to his parents, Robert and Carla
18 Pickard; to his brother, Barry Pickard, and his wife, Kristy; to his
19 sisters, Natalie Beck and her husband, Gerald, and Sharla Cleaver
20 and her husband, Alan; and to his other relatives and many friends;
21 and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lieutenant
25 Greg Pickard.