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H.R. No. 993

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Memphis lost a brave and dedicated  
2 member of the community with the passing of fire marshal Charles  
3 Matthew Waller on February 25, 2012, at the age of 47; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Charles and Violet Pierce Waller, Matt  
5 Waller was born on June 27, 1964, in Memphis, Texas; he graduated  
6 from Memphis High School in 1982, and following in his father's  
7 footsteps, he attended the Amarillo College Fire Academy and joined  
8 the Memphis Volunteer Fire Department; during his nearly three  
9 decades there, he served as a firefighter and an emergency medical  
10 technician, as well as the department training officer, and he was  
11 the city's fire marshal for 15 years; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Waller was a deacon at First Baptist Church,  
13 where he taught Sunday school classes, managed the sound board, and  
14 contributed to mission work in El Paso; he further distinguished  
15 himself as a volunteer for Little League, Pee Wee Football, and  
16 Relay for Life; in all of his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and  
17 support of his wife, the former Dana Bloxom, whom he married in  
18 1995, and their union was enriched by the addition of a son,  
19 Cameron; and

20           WHEREAS, Dedicated to his family, faith, and hometown, Matt  
21 Waller made a meaningful difference in the lives of his fellow  
22 citizens, and memories of many happy times spent in his company  
23 remain to comfort his loved ones; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

1 Legislature pay tribute to the life of Charles Matthew Waller and  
2 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
3 Dana Waller; to his son, Cameron Waller; to his parents, Charles and  
4 Violet Waller; to his sister, Shelly Beam, and her husband, Brent;  
5 to his parents-in-law, Mike and Debbie Bloxom; to his  
6 sister-in-law, Keely Ramsey, and her husband, Hollis; to his  
7 grandmother-in-law, Joyce Bloxom; to his nephews, Greg and Kiefer  
8 Waller, Brittan and Conner Beam, and Cody and Caleb Ramsey; to his  
9 niece, Mikayla Ramsey; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
10 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 Matt  
14 Waller.