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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens from across the Lone Star State are
2 gathering at the Capitol on May 6, 2013, for the Peace Officers'
3 Memorial Ceremony, held in honor of those brave men and women who
4 have lost their lives in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, Texans everywhere are indebted to members of the law
6 enforcement profession who, by their selfless devotion to the
7 public welfare, have enabled us to enjoy the benefits of a peaceful
8 and orderly society; and

9 WHEREAS, Too seldom recognized and sometimes taken for
10 granted by the public they so faithfully serve, these intrepid
11 individuals daily risk their lives in order to preserve domestic
12 tranquility and to protect their fellow residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Michael Ray Smith of the Upton County
14 Sheriff's Department earned the respect and admiration of his peers
15 for his commitment to serving the greater good, and his
16 contributions will not soon be forgotten; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, which spanned 2 years and 6
18 months, Deputy Sheriff Smith demonstrated the loyalty, courage, and
19 self-sacrifice that are consistent with the highest ideals of the
20 law enforcement profession; and

21 WHEREAS, Killed in the line of duty on June 8, 2012, at the
22 age of 44, Deputy Sheriff Smith will long be missed by his family,
23 his fellow peace officers, and the entire community; and

24 WHEREAS, Though his life ended far too soon, Deputy Sheriff

1 Smith left behind a notable legacy that will forever be honored by
2 those who follow in this difficult but essential profession; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Deputy Sheriff
6 Michael Ray Smith of the Upton County Sheriff's Department and
7 extend deepest sympathy to his relatives, friends, and fellow
8 officers; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Deputy
12 Sheriff Smith.