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H.R. No. 1656

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, Officer Joshua Stanley Williams of the Waxahachie  
14 Police 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 17 years,  
18 Officer Williams 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 July 28, 2012, at the  
22 age of 44, Officer Williams will long be missed by his family, his  
23 fellow peace officers, and the entire community; and

24           WHEREAS, Though his life ended far too soon, Officer Williams

1 left behind a notable legacy that will forever be honored by those  
2 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 Officer Joshua  
6 Stanley Williams of the Waxahachie Police Department and extend  
7 deepest sympathy to his relatives, friends, and fellow officers;  
8 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 Officer  
12 Williams.