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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of Lylian Randy Berry, Jr., of
2 Fort Worth, on March 11, 2013, at the age of 42, deeply saddened his
3 family and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Randy Berry was born in New Orleans in 1970 to Lylian
5 R. Berry, Sr., and Grace Hackett Berry; he attended public school in
6 Fort Worth and graduated from high school in Limestone, Maine, in
7 1988; he went on to study at the University of New Orleans, while
8 working part-time as a lifeguard; answering his nation's call to
9 duty, he served in the U.S. Air Force for four years as a ground
10 radio communications specialist, earning the Achievement Medal,
11 the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the
12 Air Force Overseas Ribbon--Long Tour, among other decorations; and

13 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Berry fulfilled his
14 dream of becoming a firefighter and rescue diver; in 2006, he joined
15 the Fort Worth Fire Department, where he distinguished himself as a
16 member of the swift water/underwater rescue team; above all, he was
17 a devoted father to his two teenage daughters and a caring neighbor
18 to those in his south Fort Worth community; and

19 WHEREAS, Although Randy Berry was taken much too soon, he
20 leaves behind a legacy of compassion and commitment to public
21 service that will continue to inspire all those who were privileged
22 to know him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lylian Randy Berry,

1 Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to
2 his daughters, Desiree and Dominique Berry; to his parents, Lylian
3 R. Berry, Sr., and Grace Hackett Berry; to his brother, Broderick J.
4 Berry; to his sister, Lanita R. Berry King; to his
5 great-grandmothers, Anna Mae Pleasant Berry and Nancy Avery
6 Hackett; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further
7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family, and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Randy
10 Berry.