

By: Sheffield

H.R. No. 139

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Brady are mourning the loss of
2 police chief Charles Edward Derrick, who passed away on December
3 21, 2014, at the age of 57; and

4 WHEREAS, Charlie Derrick was born in Dallas to Charles and
5 Mary Derrick on August 25, 1957; he graduated from the Texas
6 Department of Public Safety Academy in 1980 and was assigned to the
7 driver's license division in Farmers Branch for one year; this fine
8 officer then realized a lifelong dream in 1981, when he became a
9 highway patrol officer; he served in that capacity in Corsicana for
10 eight years and later worked as a narcotics officer and trainer in
11 Del Rio, Austin, and San Angelo; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Derrick was a member of the DPS Post-Seizure
13 Analysis Team from 1997 to 2001, and during that time he also
14 attended the FBI Academy; after returning to narcotics training for
15 a time, he spent six years as gun range master at the DPS firearms
16 range in Florence, where he worked with recruits until his
17 retirement in 2009; and

18 WHEREAS, Following his exemplary tenure with DPS, Chief
19 Derrick moved to Brady and assumed the post of chief of police;
20 during his more than five years in that office, he set an inspiring
21 example of professionalism and integrity while admirably serving
22 the citizens of Brady and McCulloch County; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Chief Derrick enjoyed the love
24 and support of his wife of more than three decades, Chris Derrick,

1 and he took great pride in their three sons, Jason, Stephen, and
2 Samuel, as well as their five grandchildren; a man of deep faith, he
3 was an active congregant of Hill Country Bible Church in Austin,
4 where he served as an elder; and

5 WHEREAS, Charles Derrick dedicated his life to protecting the
6 safety of others, and in so doing, he embodied the highest ideals of
7 the law enforcement profession; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Chief Charles Edward
10 Derrick and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
11 his wife of 31 years, Chris Derrick; to his sons, Stephen Derrick
12 and Jason Derrick and his wife, Kosal; to his grandchildren, Emma,
13 Payton, Grace, Ethan, and Caleb; to his sister, Melanie Brown, and
14 her husband, Gary; and to his many other relatives and friends; and,
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles
19 Edward Derrick.