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H.R. No. 328

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Dallas firefighter William Scott Tanksley, who died in  
3 the line of duty on February 10, 2014, at the age of 40; and

4           WHEREAS, A 15-year veteran of the Dallas Fire-Rescue  
5 Department, Mr. Tanksley worked at Station 12; he was killed while  
6 assisting a motorist at the scene of an accident, and in recognition  
7 of his sacrifice, his family was presented with a posthumous Star of  
8 Texas Award from Governor Rick Perry in September 2014; and

9           WHEREAS, Scott Tanksley was born in Dallas on November 1,  
10 1973, to Robert Wayne and Juanita Gayle Tanksley; he was a star  
11 baseball player at Kemp High School, and he declined a draft offer  
12 from the Baltimore Orioles in order to attend Mississippi State  
13 University, where he made the SEC Academic Honor Roll in 1995 and  
14 served as a relief pitcher for the MSU Bulldogs baseball team; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Tanksley's skill on the pitcher's mound won him  
16 recognition as a Mizuno freshman All-American in 1993; he was the  
17 last freshman in the school's history to throw a complete-game  
18 shutout, and he continues to rank in MSU's all-time top 10 in seven  
19 statistical categories; in 1995, he was drafted by the Minnesota  
20 Twins, and he played in the team's minor league system for three  
21 years; and

22           WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Tanksley married Wendi Prine, and they  
23 shared 16 rewarding years together; he was the devoted father of  
24 three, Laynee, Levi, and Lynlee Grace, and he delighted in the time

1 he spent with his children, sharing his love of hunting; and

2 WHEREAS, A brave first responder who was always willing to  
3 help others, Scott Tanksley served his community with great  
4 dedication, and he leaves behind a legacy that will forever be  
5 treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William Scott  
8 Tanksley and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
9 family: to his wife, Wendi Tanksley; to his children, Laynee, Levi,  
10 and Lynlee Grace Tanksley; to his parents, Wayne and Nita Tanksley;  
11 to his sisters, Nicki Tanksley and Christi Lively and her husband,  
12 Chris; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William  
16 Scott Tanksley.