

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family, friends, and colleagues of Wise County  
2 Justice of the Peace Terri Lynn Johnson were greatly saddened by her  
3 untimely passing on April 26, 2014, at the age of 40; and

4           WHEREAS, Terri Johnson was born in Fort Worth on October 29,  
5 1973, to Kenny Taylor and Carol Miller; she embarked on her career  
6 in public service in 1992, when she joined the Denton County  
7 Sheriff's Department as community relations director; after  
8 earning her peace officer's license, she taught Drug Abuse  
9 Resistance Education classes in Denton County schools and was  
10 honored as the 1996 DARE Officer of the Year; and

11           WHEREAS, Following her completion of a degree in criminal  
12 justice, Ms. Johnson took a part-time job at the local justice of  
13 the peace office; her rewarding experiences in that position later  
14 inspired her to run for justice of the peace for Precinct 2 of Wise  
15 County; she took office on January 1, 2007, and was reelected four  
16 years later, and in the course of her tenure, she earned the respect  
17 of her peers and the appreciation of the public; in addition to  
18 fulfilling her duties as justice of the peace, she served on the  
19 criminal justice and juvenile grant review boards of the North  
20 Central Texas Council of Governments and acted as secretary for the  
21 Texas Justice Court Judges Association; and

22           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan also played an active role in  
23 her community in other ways; she volunteered with the American  
24 Diabetes Association, taught for Junior Achievement, and served as

1 a mentor for Teen Court and for the Decatur High School chapter of  
2 the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; moreover, she was a valued  
3 member of the congregation at First Baptist Church of Decatur; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Johnson and her husband, Craig, established a  
5 rewarding union that spanned 18 years, and the couple became the  
6 parents of two sons, Coy and Harlon; in her spare time, she invented  
7 and marketed a cleaner for horse tack, and she enjoyed baking,  
8 traveling, and shooting sporting clays; and

9 WHEREAS, A caring wife and mother and an accomplished public  
10 official, Terri Johnson made a meaningful difference in the lives  
11 of her loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and her contributions  
12 will be remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be  
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judge Terri Lynn  
16 Johnson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to  
17 her husband, Craig Johnson; to her sons, Coy and Harlon Johnson; to  
18 her mother, Carol France and her husband, Garry; to her father,  
19 Kenny Taylor; to her grandfather, Garlon Taylor; to her brothers,  
20 Rowdy France and his wife, Debbie, and Cody France and his wife,  
21 Sarah; to her sister, Reka Ofner and her husband, Ron; to her uncle,  
22 Curt Miller and his wife, Ruthie; and to her other relatives and  
23 many friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Terri Lynn  
4 Johnson.

King of Parker

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 448 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 16, 2015.

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Chief Clerk of the House