

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 448

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

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