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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the heartache
2 caused by the untimely death of Samantha Elizabeth Dean of the Kyle
3 Police Department on February 4, 2015, at the age of 29; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Kelvin Dwane Dean and Kimberly Anne
5 Dean, Samantha Dean was born in Nuremberg, Germany, on May 12, 1985;
6 the family moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, when she was six, and later
7 lived in Fort Drum, New York, before settling in San Antonio; as a
8 student at Judson High School, she played varsity tennis and made
9 many strong friendships with her teammates; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Dean went on to attend The University of
11 Texas--San Antonio, where she was a proud member of Alpha Kappa
12 Alpha; she was president of her chapter, and she volunteered
13 tirelessly for children's organizations with her sorority sisters;
14 diagnosed with a sarcoma in her elbow, she continued going to class
15 every day during radiation and chemotherapy treatments, and she
16 completed her bachelor's degree in liberal arts and public policy
17 on time; she subsequently earned a master's degree in forensic
18 psychology at John Jay University in New York; and

19 WHEREAS, Determined to embark on a career protecting others,
20 Ms. Dean wanted to become a police officer, but her bout with cancer
21 had left her with a disability; she joined the Kyle Police
22 Department as a civilian and became a victim services coordinator,
23 helping abused women and children and those affected by violence; a
24 talented professional with a warm and bubbly personality, she won

1 the respect, admiration, and affection of her colleagues and
2 members of the public, and she was instrumental in ensuring that all
3 officers on patrol were trained to properly assist victims of
4 domestic violence; and

5 WHEREAS, This vibrant young woman was expecting the birth of
6 a daughter, to be named Madeline; she was devoted to her family,
7 including her little sister, Taylor; and

8 WHEREAS, Although her passing has brought an immense loss to
9 the community she served, those who were fortunate enough to know
10 Samantha Dean will forever treasure their memories of her radiant
11 smile and continue to find inspiration in her courage, kindness,
12 and compassion; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Samantha Elizabeth
15 Dean and extend deepest condolences to the members of her family: to
16 her father, Kelvin Dwane Dean; to her mother, Kimberly Anne Dean; to
17 her sister, Taylor Alexandra Dean; and to her other relatives and
18 many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the members of her family and that when the Texas House
21 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Samantha
22 Dean.