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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, City Marshal Elias T. Mussett Jr. of the Corpus
2 Christi Police Department lost his life in the line of duty on May
3 6, 1892, and his service and sacrifice will not soon be forgotten;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The descendent of a founder of Corpus Christi, Elias
6 Mussett was elected twice as city marshal, and shortly after his
7 reelection in 1892, he rode with his daughter, Lillian, at the front
8 of the city's annual Cinco de Mayo parade; as the festivities were
9 winding down early the following morning, he was making one last
10 patrol when he was shot by another police officer, who had
11 threatened to kill the marshal during the recent election; and

12 WHEREAS, The first Corpus Christi officer to be killed in the
13 line of duty, Marshal Mussett was buried in his family's plot in
14 Rose Hill Cemetery, and the entire city shut down and came out for
15 his funeral; and

16 WHEREAS, Our state and nation benefit immeasurably from the
17 courage and commitment of law enforcement professionals such as
18 Elias Mussett, who willingly place themselves in harm's way each
19 day to safeguard the lives and property of their fellow citizens;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life and exemplary service of
23 City Marshal Elias T. Mussett Jr. of the Corpus Christi Police
24 Department.