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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the death of Daniel David Groover of the Houston Fire Department,
3 who lost his life in the line of duty on July 9, 2014, at the age of
4 46; and

5 WHEREAS, Daniel Groover was born on December 15, 1967, to
6 Gary and Joyce Groover; after graduating from Sam Houston High
7 School in Pearland in 1986, he answered his nation's call to duty
8 and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as an emergency room medic in
9 Germany and later during Operation Desert Storm; and

10 WHEREAS, The son of a veteran Houston firefighter,
11 Mr. Groover was eager to follow in his father's footsteps, and he
12 joined the Houston Fire Department as a firefighter in February
13 1993; he subsequently worked as a firefighter/paramedic for 17
14 years until 2013, when he returned to firefighting at Station
15 No. 104, where he was affectionately known as "Doc"; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Groover loved the outdoors, and he enjoyed
17 saltwater fishing from a kayak or off a pier at Galveston Bay; he
18 was a skilled cook who shared his fried chicken and baby back ribs
19 with his friends, who also delighted in his dry, country wit and his
20 surprising talent at crochet; and

21 WHEREAS, Daniel Groover was a devoted family man and a
22 dedicated first responder, and although his life ended far too
23 soon, he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can
24 remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Daniel David
3 Groover and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
4 family: to his wife, Ellie Groover; to his children, Cory Groover
5 and his wife, Robin, Marcus Rodriguez, and Thomas Vella; to his
6 parents, Gary and Joyce Groover; and to his other relatives and many
7 friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representative adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Daniel
11 Groover.