

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Corpus Christi lost an admired
2 public servant with the untimely death of Corpus Christi Chief of
3 Police Floyd D. Simpson on May 3, 2015, at the age of 51; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on September 19, 1963, Floyd Simpson
5 earned a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University and a
6 master's degree in business administration from Amber University;
7 he was also a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum Senior
8 Management Institute, the FBI National Academy, and the Law
9 Enforcement Management Institute of Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, Before taking charge of the department in Corpus
11 Christi, Chief Simpson served more than 25 years with the Dallas
12 Police Department, where his duties included management of the
13 patrol and administration bureaus as well as oversight of the
14 department's police academies and hiring process; he retired in
15 2012, at the rank of assistant chief; and

16 WHEREAS, On March 12, 2012, this veteran law enforcement
17 professional became the 22nd chief of police in Corpus Christi, and
18 the first African American to lead the department; under his
19 leadership, crime in the city decreased for three consecutive years
20 and traffic-related fatalities were the lowest in two decades; he
21 worked to ensure transparency in police matters, and he was also
22 making great strides in his commitment to bolster department pride,
23 instituting official ceremonies for officers receiving promotions
24 and other department activities; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional duties, Chief
2 Simpson was engaged in civic affairs as well; he organized a charity
3 motorcycle ride in Dallas with his riding club, the Iron Knights, to
4 raise money for children with sickle cell anemia; an avid runner
5 with four marathons to his credit, he was also a member of the
6 executive committee of the Special Olympics Texas Law Enforcement
7 Torch Run; in 2013, he received the President's Award from the NAACP
8 at the 43rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Fund Banquet; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson shared 27 rewarding years with his wife,
10 Tanya, and he was a devoted father to his four children, Amber,
11 Lauren, Journee, and Jaylen; and

12 WHEREAS, Although he had only been in Corpus Christi for
13 three years, Chief Simpson quickly made a name for himself in the
14 community, earning the admiration and affection of a great many
15 people and implementing a vision for the department that will
16 continue to resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Corpus Christi Chief
19 of Police Floyd D. Simpson and extend sincere condolences to the
20 members of his family: to his wife, Tanya Simpson; to his children,
21 Amber Simpson, Lauren Simpson, Journee Simpson, and Jaylen Little;
22 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Floyd Simpson.

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Straus	González	Otto
Allen	Guerra	Paddie
Alonzo	Guillen	Parker
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Paul
Anchia	Harless	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Hernandez	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Herrero	Phillips
Ashby	Howard	Pickett
Aycock	Huberty	Price
Bell	Hughes	Raney
Bernal	Hunter	Raymond
Blanco	Isaac	Reynolds
Bohac	Israel	Riddle
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Rinaldi
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Travis
Burns	Keough	Romero, Jr.
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Rose
Button	King of Parker	Sanford
Canales	King of Taylor	Schaefer
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schofield
Clardy	Klick	Schubert
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Cyrier	Laubenberg	Smith
Dale	Leach	Smithee
Darby	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Dallas	Lozano	Springer
Davis of Harris	Lucio III	Stephenson
Deshotel	Márquez	Stickland
Dukes	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Dutton	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	McClendon	Tinderholt
Faircloth	Metcalf	Turner of Collin
Fallon	Meyer	Turner of Harris
Farias	Miles	Turner of Tarrant
Farney	Miller of Comal	VanDeaver
Farrar	Miller of Fort Bend	Villalba
Fletcher	Minjarez	Vo
Flynn	Moody	Walle
Frank	Morrison	White of Bell
Frullo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Galindo	Murphy	Workman
Geren	Murr	Wray
Giddings	Naishtat	Wu
Goldman	Nevárez	Zedler
Gonzales	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2512 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 6, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House