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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

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