

By: King of Hemphill

H.R. No. 2544

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to public service came to an end
2 with the death of Hemphill County sheriff Morse Burroughs on April
3 19, 2015, at the age of 62; and

4 WHEREAS, Morse Burroughs was born in Reno, Nevada, on
5 February 12, 1953, to Willis Burroughs Sr. and Alice Robinson
6 Burroughs, and he grew up in San Juan, California; answering his
7 nation's call to duty, he served in the United States Army during
8 the Vietnam War; and

9 WHEREAS, After attending the California Highway Patrol
10 Academy in the mid-1970s, Mr. Burroughs worked in California for
11 several years before moving to Texas, where he served with the Dumas
12 Police Department from 1983 until 1987; he went on to serve with the
13 Pampa Police Department from 1990 until 1997, and then with the Gray
14 County Sheriff's Office until 2004; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2005, Mr. Burroughs became the chief deputy in
16 the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office, and he was appointed sheriff
17 in 2011 before winning the office in an election the following year;
18 he also served his community as a member of the board of directors
19 of Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa and as a member of the Canadian
20 Lions Club; at the time of his death, Sheriff Burroughs was planning
21 to run for reelection; and

22 WHEREAS, Admired for his kindness, generosity, and
23 integrity, Morse Burroughs will long be remembered with respect and
24 gratitude by the community he served so well, and he leaves behind a

1 record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Morse Burroughs and
5 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
6 brother, Willis Burroughs Jr., and his wife, Sharon; to his sister,
7 Christine Lewis; to his nephews, Gregory and Kirk Burroughs; to his
8 nieces, Leigh Ann Collins and Natasha Burroughs; and to his other
9 relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sheriff
13 Burroughs.