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H.R. No. 421

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Officer Justin Ryan Scherlen of the Amarillo Police
2 Department is being posthumously honored with a Star of Texas Award
3 on September 11, 2017, at a ceremony in the House of Representatives
4 Chamber of the Texas State Capitol in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 2003 by the 78th Texas Legislature,
6 the Star of Texas Awards annually recognize first responders who
7 have been seriously injured or killed in the line of duty;
8 recipients are selected by three advisory committees appointed by
9 the governor; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Scherlen died on August 4, 2016, at the age
11 of 39, after succumbing to injuries sustained the previous year
12 when his patrol car was struck by another vehicle; and

13 WHEREAS, The son of Tom and Nancy Scherlen, Justin Scherlen
14 was born in Amarillo on December 19, 1976, and he grew up with the
15 companionship of his brother, Trevor; he joined the Amarillo Police
16 Department in 2004 and had served on its honor guard and dive team;
17 he was a devoted husband to his wife, Jessica, and a proud father to
18 his four children, Charity, Taylor, Jackson, and Elijah; and

19 WHEREAS, Texans owe an immense debt of gratitude to the men
20 and women of the law enforcement profession who willingly place
21 themselves in harm's way to protect and serve the public, and the
22 presentation of a Star of Texas Award in memory of Officer Justin
23 Scherlen ensures that his dedication and sacrifice will not be
24 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
3 Officer Justin Ryan Scherlen on the occasion of his posthumous
4 receipt of a Star of Texas Award and extend sincere condolences to
5 all those who mourn his passing; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Officer
9 Justin Scherlen.