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H.C.R. No. 86

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texans owe an immense debt of gratitude to the law
2 enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical service personnel
3 who willingly place themselves in harm's way to protect the public;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In the course of fulfilling their oath of service,
6 first responders are routinely called on to take courageous action
7 in perilous circumstances, and since 2000, more than 300 of these
8 dedicated professionals have been killed in the line of duty in
9 Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, The tragic loss of these brave public servants has a
11 profound and far-reaching effect on their loved ones and
12 colleagues; in an attempt to offer assistance and comfort to these
13 individuals, the Texas Line of Duty Death Task Force was founded in
14 2001; the organization dispatches response teams to aid families
15 and emergency service departments in the wake of a first responder
16 death, and it has also worked to focus attention on the subject;
17 toward that end, the group observed the inaugural Fallen First
18 Responder Awareness Month in May 2016; the event not only pays
19 tribute to first responders who have been killed but also
20 highlights the ongoing need to offer individualized support
21 services for those coping with such a loss; and

22 WHEREAS, First responders render invaluable service to the
23 residents of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed fitting to honor
24 the valor and selflessness of these men and women and to remember

1 those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while working to
2 safeguard their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby designate May as Fallen First Responder Awareness Month;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section
7 [391.004](#)(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
8 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
9 passed by the legislature.