

1-1 By: Gonzales of Williamson H.C.R. No. 86
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2017;
1-4 May 5, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Administration; May 23, 2017, reported favorably by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>X</u>			
1-10	<u>X</u>			
1-11	<u>X</u>			
1-12	<u>X</u>			
1-13	<u>X</u>			
1-14	<u>X</u>			
1-15	<u>X</u>			

1-16 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-17 WHEREAS, Texans owe an immense debt of gratitude to the law
1-18 enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical service personnel
1-19 who willingly place themselves in harm's way to protect the public;
1-20 and

1-21 WHEREAS, In the course of fulfilling their oath of service,
1-22 first responders are routinely called on to take courageous action
1-23 in perilous circumstances, and since 2000, more than 300 of these
1-24 dedicated professionals have been killed in the line of duty in
1-25 Texas; and

1-26 WHEREAS, The tragic loss of these brave public servants has a
1-27 profound and far-reaching effect on their loved ones and
1-28 colleagues; in an attempt to offer assistance and comfort to these
1-29 individuals, the Texas Line of Duty Death Task Force was founded in
1-30 2001; the organization dispatches response teams to aid families
1-31 and emergency service departments in the wake of a first responder
1-32 death, and it has also worked to focus attention on the subject;
1-33 toward that end, the group observed the inaugural Fallen First
1-34 Responder Awareness Month in May 2016; the event not only pays
1-35 tribute to first responders who have been killed but also
1-36 highlights the ongoing need to offer individualized support
1-37 services for those coping with such a loss; and

1-38 WHEREAS, First responders render invaluable service to the
1-39 residents of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed fitting to honor
1-40 the valor and selflessness of these men and women and to remember
1-41 those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while working to
1-42 safeguard their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

1-43 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
1-44 hereby designate May as Fallen First Responder Awareness Month;
1-45 and, be it further

1-46 RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Section
1-47 391.004(d), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
1-48 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally
1-49 passed by the legislature.

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