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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jake and Josh Burson have earned the distinction of
2 becoming the first brothers to serve simultaneously as Texas
3 Rangers since the modern force was created in 1935; and

4 WHEREAS, The Bursons are also believed to be the first
5 brothers to serve as Rangers at the same time since the legendary
6 Frank Hamer and three of his brothers, Estill, Harrison, and
7 Flavious, served together in the early decades of the 20th century;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The sons of James Burson, a former Department of
10 Public Safety trooper and assistant chief of police in McGregor,
11 Jake and Josh Burson had both wanted to pursue careers in law
12 enforcement since childhood; they each graduated from McGregor High
13 School and went on to attend McLennan Community College in Waco; and

14 WHEREAS, Josh Burson, the younger brother, began training at
15 the DPS Academy in September 2001, while his older brother, Jake,
16 entered the academy in January 2002, and at their respective
17 graduations, their father pinned on their DPS badges; Jake Burson
18 began his career with the Highway Patrol, first in Cleburne and then
19 in Waco, before earning a promotion to the Criminal Investigations
20 Division in 2007; Josh Burson also started with the Highway Patrol,
21 first in Corsicana and then in Colorado City, and in 2008, he too
22 joined the CID; and

23 WHEREAS, Each brother aspired to become a Texas Ranger, an
24 elite group composed of fewer than 200 officers, but positions only

1 open up when a veteran Ranger retires; Jake Burson was the first to
2 secure a coveted position on the force, winning a place in 2010,
3 while his brother, Josh, joined him there four years later; they
4 have since served as proud members of the oldest law enforcement
5 organization in North America with statewide jurisdiction; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout their careers, Jake and Josh Burson's
7 commitment to upholding the highest standards of their profession
8 has greatly benefited their fellow Texans, and they may indeed take
9 pride in standing shoulder to shoulder as members of one of the
10 preeminent law enforcement agencies in the world; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Jake and Josh Burson on becoming the first
14 brothers to serve together in the Texas Rangers since the
15 organization of the present-day force in 1935 and extend to them
16 sincere best wishes for continued success in their important work;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
19 for Rangers Jake and Josh Burson as an expression of high regard by
20 the Texas House of Representatives.