

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Sergeant William Karl Keesee of the Texas Department of  
3 Public Safety, who died in the line of duty on October 29, 2015, at  
4 the age of 49; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on April 29, 1966, in Brownwood to Johnny and  
6 Merle Keesee, Karl Keesee was a graduate of Brownwood High School;  
7 he married the former Darla Boyd on June 8, 1985, and the couple  
8 were blessed with two children, Karesa and Karlton; and

9           WHEREAS, Sergeant Keesee dedicated 25 years of service to the  
10 Department of Public Safety; he was a certified crash  
11 reconstructionist, recognized by the judicial system as an expert  
12 witness on crash reconstruction, and he also worked as a crash  
13 school instructor and a field training officer; over the years, he  
14 was the recipient of numerous honors from the department, including  
15 a Texas Highway Patrol Division Chief award for his response to a  
16 life-threatening situation, and he was posthumously recognized by  
17 Governor Greg Abbott with a 2016 Star of Texas award; and

18           WHEREAS, Sergeant Keesee was a lifelong resident of Brownwood  
19 and a valued congregant of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ; a  
20 humble man admired for his wisdom and humor, he went out of his way  
21 to help those in need, and he touched the lives of many people  
22 through his work in law enforcement; in his leisure hours, he  
23 enjoyed hunting, fishing, fixing things around the house, and  
24 spending time with his family, whom he cherished above all else; and

1           WHEREAS, Karl Keesee lived an honorable life of service to  
2 his fellow Texans, and he will always be remembered with deep  
3 affection by those who held him close to their hearts; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sergeant William  
7 Karl Keesee and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his  
8 passing; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 650

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 650 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 9, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House