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H.R. No. 946

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Galveston police officer
2 Christopher Michael Sanderson on March 4, 2017, at the age of 31,
3 has brought a great loss to the family, friends, and colleagues of
4 this dedicated public servant; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Galveston on September 11, 1985, Christopher
6 Sanderson was the son of Robert and Barbara Sanderson; he graduated
7 in 2004 from Ball High School and went on to work for the Galveston
8 Beach Patrol, the City of Galveston Jail, and the Galveston Police
9 Department, where he had spent the past decade of his career; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Sanderson was the recipient of numerous
11 honors from the department, including a Life Saving Award and a
12 Marine Dive Team Unit Commendation, and he was named Officer of the
13 Year in both 2008 and 2016; he was a member of the Marine Dive
14 Division, Special Response Group, and Honor Guard, but of all his
15 achievements, he was proudest of the seven years that he served in
16 the department's K-9 Division; he shared a close bond with his K-9
17 partner, Abba, and even during the last days of his life, he
18 remained a strong advocate for the division; and

19 WHEREAS, This extraordinary young man was blessed with the
20 affection and support of his parents and his brother, Robert, as
21 well as a wide circle of relatives; he was also cherished by many
22 friends, who he was known to treat as family; and

23 WHEREAS, Christopher Sanderson accomplished much during his
24 time on this earth, and the example of his life will forever inspire

1 those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Officer Christopher
4 Michael Sanderson and extend heartfelt condolences to all those who
5 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
9 Christopher Michael Sanderson.