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H.R. No. 1638

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Texas lost a courageous and
2 dedicated law enforcement officer with the death of U.S. Senior
3 Border Patrol Agent Travis W. Attaway on September 21, 2004, at the
4 age of 31; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Tom and Dorothy Attaway, Travis Attaway
6 was born in San Antonio on May 3, 1973, and he grew up in the
7 close-knit community of D'Hanis, surrounded by his extended family
8 and lifelong friends; following his graduation from D'Hanis High
9 School, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Texas State
10 University before applying to the U.S. Border Patrol; and

11 WHEREAS, Agent Attaway graduated from the agency's academy in
12 Charleston, South Carolina, on April 5, 1998, as a member of Class
13 359 and was assigned to the Harlingen Border Patrol Station; he and
14 another agent lost their lives in the line of duty when their boat
15 capsized in the fast-moving waters of the Rio Grande while
16 assisting in a patrol operation; and

17 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan enjoyed hunting, fishing,
18 farming, and ranching, and he was known for his deep sense of
19 patriotism and dedication to his state and nation; his commitment
20 to serving his fellow citizens continues to inspire students at his
21 high school alma mater, where he is honored in a display in the
22 school's History Room; and

23 WHEREAS, Texans owe an incalculable debt of gratitude to the
24 men and women of law enforcement who risk their lives in our behalf,

1 and Agent Attaway's commitment to protecting the safety and
2 well-being of the public will forever be remembered by all those who
3 had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life and exemplary service of
6 Travis Attaway and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
7 family: to his parents, Tom and Dorothy Attaway; to his sister, Jill
8 Attaway Beard, and her husband, Warren; to his nephew, Thomas Lee
9 Beard; to his nieces, Brighton Lace Beard and Peyton Jewell Beard;
10 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Travis
14 Attaway.