

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever feel the loss of
2 Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper David Irvine Rucker, who
3 died in the line of duty on September 29, 1981, at the age of 37; and

4 WHEREAS, Trooper Rucker was shot and killed during the course
5 of a traffic stop; he left behind a wife and three children; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Brownsville on October 21, 1943, David
7 Rucker was the son of Bracht and Hazel Dawn Rucker; he grew up in
8 Homestead, Florida, where he graduated from South Dade High School
9 in 1963; he studied liberal arts at Texas Southmost College in
10 Brownsville and went on to graduate from the Dade County Police
11 Academy; from 1966 to 1968, he served as a patrol officer in the
12 Homestead Police Department; and

13 WHEREAS, On September 15, 1969, Mr. Rucker took the oath of
14 the Texas State Highway Patrol; he was appointed patrolman in 1973,
15 and that same year, he was promoted to patrolman II; at the time of
16 his death, he was assigned to Region 3 in Port Isabel; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1997, a memorial was placed at the site of Trooper
18 Rucker's death, and a street was renamed in his honor in Isla Blanca
19 Park on South Padre Island; the Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center
20 near Olmito bears his name, and in 2012, the Texas Department of
21 Public Safety named a river patrol boat in Trooper Rucker's memory;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Though David Rucker was taken far too soon, his
24 legacy of public service and devotion to his family will continue to

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1 inspire all those who hold him close in their hearts; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of David Irvine Rucker
5 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and,
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David
10 Irvine Rucker.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2511 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 28, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House