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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

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.