

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 378

In Memory
of
Stanley Keith Guffey

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Horseshoe Bay in commemorating the life of Texas Ranger Stanley Keith Guffey, who died while serving in the line of duty in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Three decades ago, Texas Rangers Stanley Guffey and John Aycock volunteered to hide in the back of a vehicle that was being provided to kidnapper Brent Beeler as part of a ransom negotiation; and

WHEREAS, Brent Beeler, a wanted parolee from Houston, had barricaded himself inside a house, and he was holding captive Kara Leigh-Ann Whitehead, the two-year-old daughter of local ranchers Bill and Leigh Whitehead, and the housekeeper, Denise Johnson; after taking the life of Denise Johnson, the kidnapper had demanded a vehicle and \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, Upon entering the car provided by law enforcement and encountering the Texas Rangers in the vehicle, Brent Beeler fired his weapon, and Ranger Guffey was mortally wounded; Ranger Aycock shot and killed the kidnapper, and Kara was removed from harm's way and returned to her family; both Texas Rangers were honored with a Medal of Valor for their courageous actions; and

WHEREAS, Although it has been 30 years since Ranger Guffey made the ultimate sacrifice, he is still remembered for his valor and selflessness and for helping to save the life of a precious child; as a tribute to his life and sacrifice, the Horseshoe Bay community gathered for a memorial service in his honor on January 21, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life and legacy of Texas Ranger Stanley Keith Guffey; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in his honor as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Buckingham

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate