

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 905

In Memory
of
David Irvine Rucker

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

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

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, Though David Rucker was taken far too soon, his legacy of public service and devotion to his family will continue to inspire all those who hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of David Irvine Rucker and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David Irvine Rucker.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate