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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the death of former San Augustine County sheriff John Matthew Cartwright on January 19, 2019, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, The son of Baxter and Anna Cartwright, John Matthew Cartwright was born on July 22, 1930, in San Augustine and grew up with a brother, Baxter Cartwright Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Barbara Ann, and they shared a rewarding marriage until her passing in 2013; he took great pride in his children, John, Mark, Robert, Michael, and Sylvia, and he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Cartwright served in the U.S. Navy; after working as a police officer for Nacogdoches, he returned to his hometown and joined the city's police department, where he was soon appointed chief, a position he held until his retirement; he was then elected sheriff of San Augustine County and served for several terms before retiring again; he also sat on the San Augustine City Council and owned and operated a dry cleaning business; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a respected peace officer, John Matthew Cartwright dedicated himself to the community he loved, and he leaves behind a record of service that his family can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Matthew Cartwright and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Matthew Cartwright.