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H.R. No. 171

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Austin County Commissioner
2 Douglas W. King on December 17, 2018, at the age of 49, is a
3 profound loss to his many loved ones and friends and to the
4 community he served; and

5 WHEREAS, Doug King was born in Bellville on April 13, 1969, to
6 Dennis and Carolyn King; he grew up in a large family that included
7 his siblings, Pat, Brian, and Mary, and he developed a strong work
8 ethic from an early age while serving as a ranch hand and helping
9 out with the family business, King Construction; a 1987 graduate of
10 Brazos High School, he also played sports and became an Eagle Scout,
11 and he went on to finish college while holding a full-time job; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. King continued in the footsteps of several
13 generations of his family by learning the construction trade, and
14 he followed the example of his grandfather and uncle, who were
15 county commissioners, and his father, a judge, in entering public
16 service; he was sworn into office as the Austin County commissioner
17 for Precinct 4 on January 1, 2010, and was preparing to begin his
18 third term as a commissioner; and

19 WHEREAS, Above all else, Commissioner King's proudest
20 achievement and greatest joy was becoming a father; he fiercely
21 loved his three children, Marisa, Racy, and Symantha, and happily
22 found time in his busy schedule to be a mentor, coach, chauffeur,
23 and cheerleader at their various activities; after the tragic
24 passing of his wife, Lori King, he made sure that his children were

1 never at a loss for support, encouragement, and affection and took
2 to tasks like braiding his daughters' hair with his trademark
3 industriousness; and

4 WHEREAS, Devotion to family and community formed the
5 foundation on which Douglas King built his life, and although his
6 death brings immense sadness, he leaves behind a legacy that will
7 forever be treasured; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Douglas W. King and
10 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 children, Marisa, Racy, and Symantha; to his parents, Dennis and
12 Carolyn King; to his brothers, Pat King and his wife, Jennifer, and
13 Brian King and his wife, Stacy; to his sister, Mary Staff, and her
14 husband, Doug; to his niece, Avery King; to his aunt, Linda Melnar;
15 to his uncles, James King, Chris King, and Karl King; and to his
16 other relatives and numerous friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Doug King.