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H.R. No. 315

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

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