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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends suffered a tragic loss with the
2 death of Texas Game Warden Justin Philip Hurst of El Campo on March
3 17, 2007, and more than a decade later, his honorable service
4 continues to be a source of inspiration to those he left behind; and

5 WHEREAS, On his 34th birthday, Game Warden Hurst was shot and
6 fatally wounded in the line of duty while he was attempting to
7 apprehend a man suspected of illegal hunting; and

8 WHEREAS, Justin Hurst was born to Allen and Pat Hurst in Wheat
9 Ridge, Colorado, on March 17, 1973, and raised with the
10 companionship of his brother, Greg; after working as a waterfowl
11 guide in his youth, he chose wildlife ecology as his area of study
12 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in that subject from Texas
13 A&M University; he began his career as a biologist with the Texas
14 Parks and Wildlife Department in 1995, and he completed his
15 training at the Texas Game Warden Academy in August 2002; and

16 WHEREAS, Game Warden Hurst was passionate and deeply
17 knowledgeable about wildlife, and he had a sincere interest in
18 enforcing the laws to protect our state's natural environment and
19 resources; throughout his career, he investigated illegal hunting,
20 criminal trespassing, and pollution cases; he believed in the
21 importance of educating people about the law, and he regularly
22 visited Wharton County schools to teach children about hunting and
23 fishing laws and environmental stewardship; he belonged to the
24 Texas Game Warden Association, the Texas Wildlife Association,

1 Ducks Unlimited, and the Coastal Conservation Association, and he
2 also served on the administrative board at the First United
3 Methodist Church; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hurst enjoyed the love and
5 support of his wife, Amanda, and he took great pride in their son,
6 Kyle; and

7 WHEREAS, Although the untimely passing of Justin Hurst was a
8 grievous loss to his family, to his colleagues, and to the community
9 and state that he so faithfully served, his legacy of integrity and
10 devotion to duty will forever be remembered; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Game Warden Justin
13 Philip Hurst and extend profound sympathy to all who have mourned
14 his passing; and, be it further

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