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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Lieutenant Christopher Todd Askew of the
3 Westlake Fire Department on May 12, 2019, at the age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on January 6, 1966,
5 to Jay and Ruthann Askew, Chris Askew grew up with the companionship
6 of a brother, Bart; he graduated from MacArthur High School in
7 Irving, where he was a standout athlete in baseball, football, and
8 basketball; in 1990, he earned his degree in business management
9 from Texas A&M University; and

10 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Askew was a decorated fire officer who
11 rendered 15 years of service to the people of Westlake; he was
12 respected and beloved by his fellow crew members, many of whom he
13 mentored, and his accolades included five Phoenix Awards, three
14 Unit Citation Awards, and a Medal of Valor; he also earned
15 certifications as a master firefighter, fire investigator,
16 hazardous materials technician, and swift water rescue swimmer, to
17 name but a few of his credentials; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his work with the fire department,
19 Lieutenant Askew held a real estate broker's license; a former
20 professional golfer, he retained his passion for golfing into his
21 later years and further enjoyed spending time in the outdoors and
22 going fishing; and

23 WHEREAS, This caring family man was blessed with the love and
24 support of his wife, Jennifer Lange Askew, throughout their 25

1 years of marriage; he took immense pride in his children, Luke and
2 Lauren, and he was fond of visiting his ranch and taking summer
3 trips with his loved ones to Colorado; devoted to his faith, he
4 attended Emmaus Catholic Parish in Lakeway; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Chris Askew was an inspiration to all who
6 were fortunate enough to know him, and he leaves behind an example
7 of courage, kindness, and commitment to duty and family that will
8 long be treasured; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lieutenant
11 Christopher Todd Askew and extend sincere condolences to his loved
12 ones and his crew at the Westlake Fire Department; and, be it
13 further

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