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H.R. No. 1863

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Sweetwater have lost a beloved
2 member of their community with the passing of former chief of police
3 James Stephen Kelley on January 24, 2019, at the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Roby on November 18, 1950, to Stephen and
5 Priscilla Kelley, Jim Kelley grew up with the companionship of a
6 brother, Joe, and a sister, Rhonda; after attending Rotan High
7 School, he served in the United States Navy as a corpsman during the
8 Vietnam War; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley began his career in law enforcement in
10 Sweetwater, where he worked as a police officer for seven years
11 before being promoted to chief of police, a position he held for 28
12 years; he contributed to his professional community through his
13 involvement with the West Central Texas Council of Governments, and
14 at the time of his passing, he was the head of security at Rolling
15 Plains Memorial Hospital; and

16 WHEREAS, An engaged citizen of Sweetwater, Mr. Kelley served
17 on the Children's Advocacy Centers of West Texas board, and coached
18 Little League and Pee Wee basketball for 15 years; he also
19 volunteered his time as a deacon at the 4th and Elm Church of Christ
20 and held membership in VFW Post No. 2479; and

21 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Kelley enjoyed the love
22 and support of his wife, Scharles, and he took great pride in his
23 two sons, Tanner and Paxton; and

24 WHEREAS, Jim Kelley was a pillar of his community and a

1 blessing in the lives of countless people, and he leaves behind a
2 legacy that will forever be treasured by those who held him dear;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Stephen
6 Kelley and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
7 his wife, Scharles Kelley; to his sons, Tanner Kelley and Paxton
8 Kelley; to his sister, Rhonda Seymour, and her husband, Mitch; to
9 his sisters-in-law, Nathalie Kelley and Liz Miller and her husband,
10 Al; to his nieces, Bri Burnett and her husband, Blake, and Blace
11 Garcia and her husband, Mark; to his nephews, Erick Lewis and Josh
12 Kelley; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim Kelley.