By: Murr H.R. No. 36

## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The thousands of deaths caused by COVID-19 in Texas 2 have created a tremendous void in families, communities, and
- 3 workplaces throughout the state; among those who lost their lives
- 4 in the pandemic was Michael Harper, a dedicated and well-respected
- 5 employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, who passed
- 6 away on December 1, 2020, at the age of 56; and
- WHEREAS, A 22-year veteran of TDCJ, Mr. Harper was a
- 8 maintenance supervisor in the Skyview/Hodge Unit in Rusk; he
- 9 balanced his career with a rewarding home life with his wife, Joyce,
- 10 and their sons, Brandon, Cody, Chase, and Kade, and in his spare
- 11 time, he enjoyed coaching his children's baseball teams and playing
- 12 competitive pool; he took great pride in his work and served as an
- 13 inspiration to his fellow employees; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Michael Harper faithfully and ably performed his
- 15 duties throughout his tenure with the Texas Department of Criminal
- 16 Justice, and he will long be remembered with great admiration by all
- 17 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it
- 18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 19 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
- 20 Michael Harper and extend deepest sympathy to his family, friends,
- 21 and colleagues; and, be it further
- 22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael

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1 Harper.