WHEREAS, The thousands of deaths caused by COVID-19 in Texas have created a tremendous void in families, communities, and workplaces throughout the state; among those who lost their lives in the pandemic was Tawiwo Obele, a dedicated and well-respected employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, who passed away on February 16, 2021, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Obele, who was assigned to the Beto Unit near Palestine, had worked for the TDCJ for two years; she enjoyed a warm rapport with her colleagues, and she was known to be a caring and empathetic listener; and

WHEREAS, Tawiwo Obele faithfully and ably performed her duties throughout her tenure with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and she will long be remembered with great admiration by all who were privileged to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Tawiwo Obele and extend deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tawiwo Obele.
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 53 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on August 30, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House