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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Residents of Collin County are mourning the untimely loss of Constable-Elect Mike Vance, who passed away on November 27, 2020, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, A native of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Mike Vance was born on January 7, 1955, and he grew up with the companionship of three siblings; when he was three years old, he moved with his family to Richardson, where he attended St. Paul the Apostle Grade School and Allen Military Academy; he went on to graduate from the Leadership Command College at Sam Houston State University, before earning an additional degree in management and technology from Richland Junior College; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Mr. Vance began his career in law enforcement when he was hired as a reserve officer and detention officer for the Collin County Sheriff's Office; three years later, he moved to the city of Anna to become a full-time deputy; he later returned to the Collin County Sheriff's Office and served for 34 years in a number of positions, including as a patrol officer, detention officer, supervisor, and criminal and narcotics investigator, as well as a member of the county's SWAT team; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Deputy Vance oversaw more than 10,000 criminal investigations, and through his dedication to solving property crimes, he earned the gratitude of many victims of robberies and burglaries; known as "Mookie" to his colleagues and friends, he enjoyed a strong rapport with those who worked alongside him, and he helped guide the development of his fellow officers both through his mentorship and through his commendable example of public service; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from the sheriff's office in 2019, Mr. Vance continued serving as a reserve deputy sheriff while planning his run for the office of Precinct 1 constable; he went on to prevail in the 2020 general election, and he was looking forward to his new leadership role; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Vance was blessed with the love and support of a fine family that included his two children, Lauren and Joseph, and his two granddaughters; he was deeply devoted to his faith, and he was admired as a man who lived his life according to his beliefs and principles; and

WHEREAS, Although the passing of Mike Vance has brought great sorrow to all who knew him, he leaves behind a record of service to his community that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Collin County Constable-Elect Mike Vance and extend sincere sympathy to his family, his friends, and his colleagues; and, be it further

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