By: Vasut H.R. No. 49

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Abigail Rose Arias of 2 Angleton suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this 3 beloved little girl on November 5, 2019, at the age of seven; and WHEREAS, Born in Houston on June 28, 2012, to Ruben and Ilene 4 5 Arias, Abigail was blessed with the companionship of an older brother, Ethan; she grew up attending the Second Baptist Church of 6 Angleton, and she went on to discover her love of school at Holy 7 Comforter Episcopal Church Preschool and Westside Elementary, 8 where she adored her teachers and classmates; spirited and full of 9 life, she found many outlets for her endless reserve of energy, 10 11 which included running, swimming, dancing, playing softball, 12 jumping on the trampoline, and playing with her friends and cousins; and 13 14 WHEREAS, Abigail fiercely loved her brother Ethan, who was her best friend, and she was cherished and doted upon by her 15 parents, her grandparents, and a host of other relatives; she was 16 surrounded by their support, affection, and prayers as she battled 17 cancer, and even on occasions where she needed to stay in the 18 hospital for treatment, she remained unwaveringly cheerful and 19 20 optimistic; and 21 WHEREAS, After meeting and striking up a friendship with Freeport Police Chief Raymond Garivey, Abigail expressed the desire 22

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to one day become a police officer so that she could help others;

her wish was granted on February 7, 2019, when she was sworn in as a

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- 1 member of the Freeport Police Department with the badge number 758;
- 2 her story touched the hearts of people around the world, and she
- 3 went on to be honored by numerous law enforcement agencies and
- 4 organizations throughout Texas and other states; and
- 5 WHEREAS, While the loss of this caring and vivacious young
- 6 girl will always be deeply felt, her loved ones will forever find
- 7 inspiration in remembering the joy, laughter, and grace that she
- 8 brought to their lives; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Abigail Rose Arias
- 11 and extend profound sympathy to her family, friends, and countless
- 12 admirers; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
- 15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Abigail
- 16 Rose Arias.