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H.R. No. 183

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lynn County lost an admired public servant with the
2 death of Sheriff Abraham Vega on July 11, 2020, at the age of 48; and

3 WHEREAS, Abraham Martin Vega was born in Brownfield to
4 Abelardo Vega and Rachel Corona-Saldana on November 7, 1971, and he
5 grew up with two siblings, Mark and Felicia; he was the proud father
6 of two children, Marcus and Cori, and in 2018, he married Rachel
7 Curry, becoming the stepfather to Kaitlyn and Curry Lehman; he was
8 also blessed with a granddaughter, Emori; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from Tahoka High School in 1990,
10 Mr. Vega joined the Lynn County Sheriff's Office as a part-time
11 dispatcher at the age of 19, working his way up to become the jail
12 administrator; in 1994, he graduated from the South Plains
13 Association of Governments law enforcement academy, and he went on
14 to become a patrolman for the Tahoka Police Department, a Lynn
15 County deputy sheriff, and the Tahoka Independent School District's
16 first police chief; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Vega returned to the Lynn County Sheriff's
18 Office in 2001, serving as lieutenant and chief deputy before
19 winning election as county sheriff and taking office in January
20 2017; he was licensed as a telecommunicator, jailer, instructor,
21 and master peace officer by the Texas Commission on Law
22 Enforcement, and as a leading member of the Texas Chief Deputies
23 Association, he sat on several committees and the board of
24 directors before serving as TCDA president from 2016 to 2017; he was

1 also a member of the Cold Case Review Team of the Sheriffs'
2 Association of Texas, the Texas Jail Association, and the Caprock
3 Peace Officers' Association; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional achievements,
5 Mr. Vega found time to serve two terms on the Tahoka ISD board of
6 trustees, and he was also active with Little League and Little
7 Dribblers; he volunteered as a sports photographer for the *Lynn*
8 *County News*, taking thousands of photographs over the course of
9 more than a decade; and

10 WHEREAS, A dedicated law enforcement professional, Abraham
11 Vega devoted himself to serving the community he loved, and he
12 leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those who
13 were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sheriff Abraham
16 Vega and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Abraham
21 Martin Vega.