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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt by
2 the family, friends, and colleagues of Officer Ismael Z. Chavez of
3 the McAllen Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty on
4 July 11, 2020, at the age of 38; and

5 WHEREAS, Ismael Chavez was born in McAllen on October 19,
6 1981, to Ismael and Cynthia Chavez; he grew up with three siblings,
7 Maru, Chiara, and Gladys, and he was fondly known as "Smiley" to his
8 circle of loved ones, which also included his nephew, Matthew, his
9 niece, Valeria, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; a
10 member of the Class of 2000 at Edinburg High School, he went on to
11 graduate from The University of Texas at San Antonio; he was
12 employed for around 10 years as a science teacher and coach at
13 Weslaco East High School, where he used humor to engage students in
14 the classroom; and

15 WHEREAS, Pursuing his longtime goal of working in law
16 enforcement, Mr. Chavez joined the McAllen Police Department and
17 graduated from its police academy in 2018; he was a devoted public
18 servant, and his efforts furthered the agency's mission of serving
19 and protecting the community during his time on the force; over the
20 course of his tenure, he was actively involved with the McAllen
21 Police Association and the McAllen First Responders Guns and Hoses
22 Foundation; Officer Chavez drew strength in all his endeavors from
23 his deep and abiding faith; and

24 WHEREAS, Ismael Chavez was a brave and dedicated officer, a

1 loving son, brother, and uncle, and a man whose kind and generous
2 nature enriched the lives of everyone around him, and he will
3 forever hold a special place in the hearts of those he leaves
4 behind; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Officer Ismael
7 Z. Chavez and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his
8 passing; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ismael
12 Chavez.