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H.R. No. 425

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Officer Mitchell Aaron Penton of the Dallas Police  
2 Department died in the line of duty on February 13, 2021, at the age  
3 of 27, bringing a tragic loss to his family, friends, and community;  
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5           WHEREAS, Born in Arlington on March 29, 1993, to Timothy and  
6 Kathy Penton, Mitchell Penton grew up with the companionship of two  
7 siblings, Garrett and Sydney; after graduating from Richardson High  
8 School in 2011, he attended Rogers State University in Oklahoma,  
9 where he demonstrated his athletic talent as a goalkeeper for the  
10 school's soccer team; he went on to earn his degree in criminal  
11 justice in 2015; and

12           WHEREAS, Officer Penton completed his police academy  
13 training on November 1, 2019, and joined the Dallas Police  
14 Department; assigned to the Northeast Patrol Division, he embraced  
15 his calling in law enforcement, and he was recognized as a promising  
16 young officer with a bright future ahead of him; and

17           WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Officer Penton cherished the  
18 relationship he shared with his wife, Noel Bergenske Penton; he  
19 became a proud stepfather to her son, and the couple were eagerly  
20 anticipating the birth of their first child together; in his  
21 leisure hours, he greatly enjoyed playing soccer, woodworking, and  
22 spending quality time with his loved ones; and

23           WHEREAS, The untimely death of Officer Mitchell Penton has  
24 profoundly saddened everyone who was privileged to know this

1 courageous and dedicated young man, but his service and sacrifice  
2 in behalf of his community will forever be remembered; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Officer Mitchell  
6 Aaron Penton and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his  
7 family, to his friends, and to his brothers and sisters in blue;  
8 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 Officer  
12 Mitchell Aaron Penton.