

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Matthew Ryan Jones of the Falls  
2 County Sheriff's Department died from injuries sustained in the  
3 line of duty on October 11, 2019, bringing a tragic loss to his  
4 family, colleagues, and community; and

5           WHEREAS, Matt Jones was born in Waco on February 7, 1989, to  
6 Ronnie and Debbie Coleman Jones; he grew up with the companionship  
7 of two brothers, Brandon and Stephen, and he attended Connally High  
8 School before studying at Texas State Technical College in Waco; in  
9 2015, he joined the Falls County Sheriff's Department, where he  
10 served as a K-9 officer alongside his partner, Thor; and

11           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Deputy Sheriff Jones enjoyed  
12 the love and support of his wife, Courtney Travis, whom he married  
13 on October 31, 2015; he was cherished by a large extended family  
14 and many friends, and when not on the job, he took pleasure in  
15 hunting, fishing, riding his ATV, and spending time in the  
16 outdoors; and

17           WHEREAS, Although the untimely death of Matthew Ryan Jones  
18 profoundly saddened everyone who was privileged to know this  
19 courageous and dedicated young officer, his service and sacrifice  
20 in behalf of his community will forever be remembered; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Deputy Sheriff  
24 Matthew Ryan Jones and extend heartfelt condolences to the members

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1 of his family: to his wife, Courtney; to his parents, Ronnie and  
2 Debbie Jones; to his brothers, Brandon Jones and Stephen Jones and  
3 his wife, Melissa; to his grandparents, Don and Gloria Jones; to his  
4 mother-in-law, Jeannie Stafford; and to his other relatives, his  
5 friends, and his brothers and sisters on the force; and, be it  
6 further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 943 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 8, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House