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H.R. No. 1402

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Samuel Alexander Leonard of the Concho County
2 Sheriff's Office was killed in the line of duty on May 10, 2021, at
3 the age of 26, and the tragic passing of this exemplary officer is a
4 tremendous loss to his family, his department, and his community;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The cherished son of Randy and Letha Leonard, Samuel
7 Leonard was born in Lubbock on July 26, 1994, and he grew up with the
8 companionship of three siblings, Zach, Jacob, and Tiane; he started
9 attending First Baptist Church of Lamesa as a youth, and he earned
10 the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; he graduated
11 from Klondike High School in 2013 and attended Angelo State
12 University; and

13 WHEREAS, A member of Lamesa Fire and Rescue, Mr. Leonard
14 began his law enforcement career with the Concho County Sheriff's
15 Department in June 2019; he transferred to the Dawson County
16 Sheriff's Department in December of that year and then returned to
17 Concho County in 2021; to his colleagues, he was like family, and
18 after his untimely death, his department vowed to honor his legacy
19 by retiring his badge and unit number; and

20 WHEREAS, Deputy Leonard shared a rewarding marriage with his
21 wife, Morgan Lea Leonard, whom he wed on June 3, 2017, in San
22 Angelo; this devoted family man treasured time spent with his
23 daughter, Magnolia Rae Leonard, and he had a contagious laugh and a
24 natural ability to put others at ease; moreover, he was a member of

1 Milam Masonic Lodge No. 11 in Lamesa; and

2 WHEREAS, Embodying the highest ideals of the law enforcement
3 profession, Deputy Samuel Leonard served his community and his
4 state with compassion, integrity, and honor, and although he is
5 gone, his dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Samuel Alexander
9 Leonard and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his
10 family: to his wife, Morgan Lea Leonard; to his daughter, Magnolia
11 Rae Leonard; to his parents, Randy and Letha Leonard; to his
12 brothers, Zach Leonard and his wife, Rebekah, and Jacob Leonard; to
13 his sister, Tiane Garner, and her husband, Christian; to his
14 grandparents, Richard and Virginia Leonard and Lloyd and Elva Lenz;
15 to his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Randall and Tracy Frierson;
16 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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