

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Cooke County lost a dedicated public  
2 servant with the death of former county sheriff John S. Aston of  
3 Gainesville on May 19, 2021, at the age of 82; and

4           WHEREAS, John Aston was born in Reliance, Virginia, on May  
5 26, 1938, to Elizabeth and Verna Aston, and he moved to Texas in  
6 1957; he was joined in marriage to Phyllis Holley-Aston in 1960, and  
7 the couple shared a loving union until her death in 2005; he was the  
8 proud father of two sons, Jeff and Keith, and later in life he was  
9 blessed with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Aston began his long career in public service by  
11 working for the engineering department of the Texas Highway  
12 Department from 1960 until 1968, when he moved into law  
13 enforcement; from 1968 to 1993, he served with the Cooke County  
14 Sheriff's Office, including nine years as sheriff from 1983 to  
15 1992; he went on to work in the Denton County Sheriff's Office as a  
16 sergeant until his retirement in 2005; and

17           WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a respected peace officer,  
18 John Aston lived a life made rich through meaningful service, and he  
19 will be deeply missed by all those who held him dear; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John S. Aston and  
23 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his sons,  
24 Jeff Aston and Keith Aston and his wife, Janine; to his

1 grandchildren, Jennifer Johnston and her husband, Jason, Jessica  
2 McCann and her husband, Eric, Cameron Aston and his wife, Lauren,  
3 Lauren Singer and her husband, Adam, Katie Davis and her husband,  
4 Ben, and Dillon Aston and his fiancée, Taylor Dudenhoeffer; to his  
5 great-grandchildren, Madalynn, Presleigh, Laityn, Landon,  
6 Maverick, and Mason; to his brother, Mike Aston; to his in-laws,  
7 Dwight and Hellen Holley; to his aunt and uncle, Peggy and Bill  
8 Aston; to his late-life companion, Linda Call; and to his other  
9 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2100

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2100 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 31, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House