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S.C.R. No. 46

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas game wardens devote themselves to the  
2 protection of the state's natural resources, and since 1895, 19 of  
3 these dedicated public servants have tragically lost their lives  
4 while fulfilling their important duties; and

5 WHEREAS, Game wardens, as certified peace officers, are  
6 responsible for preserving the peace and enforcing the game, fish,  
7 and water safety laws of Texas, which include, but are not limited  
8 to, apprehending poachers and other individuals who ignore wildlife  
9 law; many of the criminals that game wardens encounter have also  
10 ventured into other illegal activities, such as theft or the drug  
11 trade, and because game wardens are often patrolling areas with  
12 hunters, loaded guns are a constant in their work; the myriad  
13 challenges of the job may put them in harm's way at any time; and

14 WHEREAS, To honor those who died in the line of duty, the Game  
15 Warden Peace Officers Association has commissioned a Game Warden  
16 Memorial to be designed and sculpted to the Association's  
17 specifications, and be dedicated to the memory of Joe Williams,  
18 Harry Raymond, Dawson Richard Murchison, R. M. Wynne, Gus Engeling,  
19 Claude Keller, J. D. Murphree, Joe Evans, Lloyd Gustin, Ronnie  
20 Germany, James Daughtrey, Barry Decker, Bruce Hill, Michael  
21 Pauling, Wes Wagstaff, Justin Hurst, Teyran "Ty" Patterson, George  
22 Harold Whatley Jr., and Sergeant James Birmingham; and

23 WHEREAS, Many Texans are unaware of the sacrifices made by  
24 game wardens; the placement of the monument at the State Capitol,

1 however, would help the public gain a greater understanding of the  
2 vital mission of Texas game wardens and of the extraordinary  
3 commitment they make to upholding the laws of our state and  
4 protecting its natural resources; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby authorize the State Preservation Board, subject to state law  
7 and rules of the board, to approve the placement of the Texas Game  
8 Warden Memorial at the State Capitol Complex, at a site outside of  
9 the historic Capitol grounds; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That the board consider a site south of the Sam  
11 Houston Building for the location of the memorial; and, be it  
12 further

13         RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward an  
14 official copy of this resolution to the executive director of the  
15 State Preservation Board and to the chair and president of the Game  
16 Warden Peace Officers Association.