

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Kent Monroe Wattinger of
2 Marble Falls suffered an immeasurable loss with his passing on July
3 8, 2025, at the age of 36; and

4 WHEREAS, While their vehicle was being swept away by
5 floodwaters in Liberty Hill, Mr. Wattinger summoned the strength
6 and courage to push his wife, Samantha, toward the riverbank, where
7 she was able to pull herself to safety; though he succumbed to the
8 floodwaters, his heroic sacrifice on that fateful day will forever
9 be remembered; and

10 WHEREAS, Born on July 25, 1988, Kent Wattinger was raised by
11 his mother, Kimmie Lynch, and his grandparents; as a child, he
12 cherished time spent in 4-H with his grandmother, and as a young
13 man, he enjoyed playing in bands with his friends; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wattinger and his first wife, Rebecca, became
15 the proud parents of a daughter, Violet; after that marriage ended,
16 he was fortunate enough to find love again with his second wife,
17 Samantha, and he had the pleasure of seeing his treasured family
18 grow to include two more children, Hunter and Zoey; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the course of a rewarding career in the
20 technology industry, Mr. Wattinger rose through the ranks to become
21 a software development engineer at Amazon Robotics; an active
22 member of Wind Therapy Freedom Riders, he was the national safety
23 division president and the ATX chapter president; through this
24 organization, he and his wife attended many charity rides, benefit

1 events, and outreach efforts to support first responders, law
2 enforcement officers, and veterans; and

3 WHEREAS, Although Kent Wattinger is deeply missed, memories
4 of his quiet strength, his infectious humor, and his devotion to his
5 family remain to comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
8 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
9 Kent Monroe Wattinger and extend deepest condolences to the members
10 of his family: to his three children, Violet, Hunter, and Zoey; to
11 his wife, Samantha Wattinger; to his mothers, Kimmie and Carla
12 Lynch; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kent
17 Wattinger.

Harris Davila

H.R. No. 80

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 80 was unanimously adopted by a rising
vote of the House on September 2, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House