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H.R. No. 302

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service has  
2 drawn to a close with the death of Thomas Neil Maddox Sr. of  
3 Pineland on February 13, 2025, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Maddox was born on September 11, 1949, in  
5 Henderson, to Oscar and Mildred Maddox, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of two brothers, Eric and Glen, and two sisters,  
7 Gloria and Elesa; he went on to share a fulfilling marriage with his  
8 wife, Barbara, before her death in 2011, and they were blessed with  
9 three children, Thomas, Carmen, and Cindy; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox worked as a Texas Department of Public  
11 Safety officer for 30 years, earning the rank of corporal before his  
12 retirement; in 2001, he was elected sheriff of Sabine County, and he  
13 held that office for more than 24 years until his passing; along the  
14 way, he served two terms as president of the Sheriffs' Association  
15 of Texas, where he advocated for border safety and law enforcement  
16 initiatives; and

17 WHEREAS, Engaged in his community, Sheriff Maddox was a  
18 member of Redland Masonic Lodge No. 3 in San Augustine and the  
19 Shriners and Scottish Rite; he participated in Pineland Day events,  
20 and he was honored as Citizen of the Year for his dedication;  
21 moreover, he served with the Pineland Volunteer Fire Department and  
22 the Sabine County Go Texas Cook-Off Team, and he established the  
23 D.A.R.E. program in Sabine County schools; and

24 WHEREAS, In his free time, Sheriff Maddox enjoyed hunting,

1 fishing, and coaching Little League baseball and girls' softball;  
2 above all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, and he was a  
3 longtime congregant of Hemphill Church of Christ; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Maddox touched the lives of countless people  
5 through his more than five decades of exceptional public service,  
6 and he has left behind a legacy that will forever be cherished by  
7 all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Sheriff Thomas Neil  
10 Maddox Sr. and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his  
11 family: to his son, Thomas Neil Maddox Jr., and his fiancée, Casey  
12 Ashimine; to his daughters, Carmen Willis and her husband, Brad,  
13 and Cindy Burns and her husband, Joey; to his companion, Sue  
14 Bohannon; to his brother, Glen Maddox, and his wife, Cindy; to his  
15 sister, Elesa Detting; to his six grandchildren and two  
16 great-grandchildren; and to his many other relatives and friends;  
17 and, be it further

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