

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Chief Steven Bryce Newkirk of the
3 San Saba Police Department on April 11, 2025, at the age of 52; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Dale and Gayle Newkirk, Steve Newkirk was
5 born in El Paso on July 9, 1972, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of a sister, Michelle; he attended Eastwood High
7 School, where he was a member of the rodeo club; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1990, Mr. Newkirk married Aundrea Rowe, and the
9 couple became the parents of three children, Megan, Tanner, and
10 Caitlyn; after that marriage ended, he wed the former Kristy Beth
11 Simmons in 2002, and they went on to share a fulfilling union that
12 spanned more than two decades; with the passing years, he had the
13 pleasure of seeing his family grow to include two more children,
14 Koren and Jayce, and five grandsons; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Newkirk began his career as a technician in
16 El Paso before relocating with his family to Huntsville to work for
17 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a correctional officer
18 at the Texas State Penitentiary; in 1995, he followed in his
19 father's footsteps and embarked on a rewarding career with the
20 Lewisville Police Department, where he worked in the patrol,
21 motorcycle, and investigative units; he took great pride in serving
22 his community, and he concluded his tenure with the department in
23 2016; and

24 WHEREAS, Upon retirement, Mr. Newkirk moved with his family
25 to Lampasas, where he worked as a ranch foreman and fulfilled his

1 lifelong dream of owning land and raising livestock; in 2021, he
2 returned to law enforcement as an investigator for the San Saba
3 Police Department, and he was named its chief of police three years
4 later; in his leisure hours, he enjoyed playing the guitar and
5 sharing his passion for music with others, and he was also a skilled
6 metal worker; and

7 WHEREAS, Steve Newkirk treasured the time he spent in the
8 company of his family and friends, and those he leaves behind will
9 in turn cherish their memories of this kind and caring man; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Chief Steven Bryce
13 Newkirk and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
14 family: to his wife, Kristy Newkirk; to his children, Megan Shea
15 Warne and her husband, Stephen, Tanner Clay Newkirk and his wife,
16 Caitlin, Caitlyn Elizabeth Davis and her husband, Aidan, Koren
17 Adelle Newkirk, and Jayce Steven Newkirk; to his grandsons, Bowen,
18 Brooks, Baines, and Benny Warne and Wells Davis; to his parents,
19 Dale and Gayle Newkirk; to his sister, Michelle Newkirk and her
20 husband, Lex; and to his other relatives, his many friends, and his
21 brothers and sisters in blue; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Steve
25 Newkirk.

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H.R. No. 902

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 902 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House