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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Captain Marvin Hampton  
2 Taylor III of the Killeen Fire Department suffered an immeasurable  
3 loss with his passing on May 11, 2025, at the age of 45; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Marvin Taylor Jr. and Marilyn Coddington  
5 Coster, "Mark" Taylor was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on  
6 November 18, 1979, and he grew up with the companionship of two  
7 siblings, Richard and Megan; in 1983, his family relocated to  
8 Texas, where he attended Ellison High School and Killeen High  
9 School; and

10 WHEREAS, On December 28, 2009, Mr. Taylor married the love of  
11 his life, the former Samantha Rangel, and the couple were blessed  
12 with five sons, Robert, John, Michael, Andrew, and Joseph; a man of  
13 faith, he was a parishioner of Holy Family Catholic Church, where he  
14 served as a lector and was a member of the men's group; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor earned his associate's degree in  
16 paramedicine from Central Texas College in 2014, and that same  
17 year, he joined the Killeen Fire Department; over the course of an  
18 exemplary tenure spanning more than a decade, he rose through the  
19 ranks to become fire captain, and he was recently assigned to the  
20 training division as the operations training captain; he held  
21 numerous certifications, including advanced structural  
22 firefighter, field examiner, and swift water boat operator, and as  
23 a member of the Texas A&M Task Force 1 water rescue and Texas  
24 Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System wildland teams, he was frequently

1 deployed to large-scale incidents both in and out of state; among  
2 his many accolades, he was honored with the Medal of Valor, the  
3 Certificate of Merit, and the Rookie of the Year award; and

4 WHEREAS, Admired for his selfless dedication to his family  
5 and his community, Mark Taylor lived a caring and purposeful life,  
6 and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can  
7 remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Captain Marvin  
10 Hampton Taylor III and extend deepest condolences to the members of  
11 his family: to his wife, Samantha Taylor; to his sons, Robert, John,  
12 Michael, Andrew, and Joseph Taylor; to his parents, Marvin Taylor  
13 Jr. and Marilyn Coddington Coster; to his siblings, Richard Taylor  
14 and his wife, Lisa, and Megan Grysko and her husband, Chris; and to  
15 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Marvin  
19 Hampton Taylor III.