

By: Hughes

S.R. No. 502

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Melissa Pollard of the Wood County Sheriff's
2 Office died in the line of duty on April 9, 2025, at the age of 47,
3 and her untimely passing has brought a heartbreaking loss to her
4 family, her fellow officers, and her community; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on March 14, 1978, in Paris, Texas, to Leonard
6 Keith and Pamela Vickers Pollard, Melissa Pollard grew up with the
7 companionship of two sisters, Kelee and Angela; she embarked on a
8 career in law enforcement in Collin County in 2003, and she remained
9 there for a decade before transferring to Fannin County in 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, Deputy Pollard had been a valued member of the Wood
11 County Sheriff's Office since 2016; she fulfilled her duties with
12 honor, skill, and compassion, and she greatly benefited her
13 department through her efforts to train and mentor newer recruits;
14 over the course of her 22-year career, she furthered her
15 professional development by earning certifications as an advanced
16 peace officer, field training officer, instructor, training
17 coordinator, jailer, and school-based law enforcement officer; in
18 recognition of her service and sacrifice, she was awarded the
19 Police Cross; and

20 WHEREAS, Outside of her professional endeavors, Deputy
21 Pollard was an active supporter of Project Lifesaver, a program
22 that assists individuals with cognitive disorders, and she
23 tirelessly advocated for the well-being of animals through her
24 involvement with the SPCA; and

1 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her family, Deputy Pollard was the
2 loving mother of a daughter, Sydney, as well as the doting "Mimi" of
3 three grandchildren, Cayden, Evelynn, and Khai; she also adored her
4 two Great Danes, Apollo and Nova, and she enjoyed spending her
5 leisure time fishing and tending to her garden; and

6 WHEREAS, Melissa Pollard dedicated her life to her loved ones
7 and to the welfare of her community, and although she is deeply
8 missed, she will remain a source of inspiration to all who were
9 fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
11 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Deputy Melissa Pollard and
12 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of her family: to her
13 daughter, Sydney Locke, and her husband, Curtis; to her
14 grandchildren, Cayden, Evelynn, and Khai; to her sisters, Kelee
15 Tarno and her husband, John, and Angela Fein and her husband, Josh;
16 to her partner, Michael Cotton, and his grandson, Easton; to her
17 nieces and nephews, Ashlynn, Marissa, Joisalyn, Shayla, Haegan,
18 Keithan, David, and Logan and his wife, Reagan; and to her other
19 relatives and friends and to her brothers and sisters in blue; and,
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
23 day, it do so in memory of Melissa Pollard.