

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1        WHEREAS, The citizens of Austin lost a courageous and  
2 admirable public servant with the death of senior police officer  
3 Jaime Padron, who was killed in the line of duty on April 6, 2012, at  
4 the age of 40; and

5        WHEREAS, The son of Juan and Zoila Padron, Jaime Padron was  
6 born on July 5, 1971, in San Angelo and was raised on the family's  
7 dairy farm in Knickerbocker; in 1989, he graduated from Christoval  
8 High School, where he played on the football team, and he joined the  
9 U.S. Marine Corps the following summer; he was deployed overseas  
10 during the Gulf War and won numerous awards and decorations for his  
11 exemplary service; and

12        WHEREAS, On completing his military duty, Mr. Padron spent a  
13 year working for his father and was subsequently employed as a  
14 corrections officer at the Eden Detention Center; seeking to  
15 continue his career in law enforcement, he completed training at  
16 the San Angelo Police Academy in 1995 and became a member of the  
17 city's police department; and

18        WHEREAS, He served the citizens of San Angelo for 14 years,  
19 distinguishing himself as a patrol officer, a member of the gang  
20 unit, and a narcotics investigator; in September 2008, he joined  
21 the Austin Airport Police Department, and he became an officer with  
22 the Austin Police Department four months later; in the course of  
23 ably handling the wide range of challenges inherent in his  
24 profession, he performed numerous acts of heroism, and during one

1 incident in San Angelo, he rescued two children and a fellow officer  
2 from a burning home; despite the risks that he faced each day, he  
3 was known for his positive attitude and for greeting others with a  
4 smile; and

5 WHEREAS, Highly regarded for the passion and dedication he  
6 brought to his job, Officer Padron built strong friendships with  
7 his colleagues in San Angelo and Austin; he was a member of several  
8 professional organizations and received myriad commendations  
9 during his career; these included recognition from Crime Stoppers  
10 of San Angelo as well as the Master Peace Officer, Academic  
11 Achievement, Military Service, and Safe Driving Ribbons from the  
12 Austin Police Department, and he was posthumously awarded the  
13 Purple Heart with Valor Medal; and

14 WHEREAS, This warm-hearted Texan delighted in his role as a  
15 father to his two young daughters, Olivia and Ariana; in addition to  
16 working a full-time job and raising a family, he earned a bachelor's  
17 degree in psychology and a supporting degree in criminal justice  
18 from Angelo State University, graduating with honors in 2004; in  
19 his leisure time, he enjoyed playing golf and riding his  
20 motorcycle, and he was an avid runner who took part in a number of  
21 charity marathon events; and

22 WHEREAS, Selflessly devoted to the safety and well-being of  
23 his fellow citizens, Officer Jaime Padron exemplified the highest  
24 ideals of the law enforcement profession, and the compassion and  
25 integrity with which he lived his life will forever inspire all  
26 those who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas

1 hereby pay tribute to the life of Officer Jaime Padron and extend  
2 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his daughters,  
3 Olivia and Ariana Padron, and their mother, Amy Padron; to his  
4 parents, Juan and Zoila Padron; to his brothers, Joe Padron and  
5 Johnny Padron and his wife, Gloria, and their children, John and  
6 Gabby; to his sister, Linda Diaz, and her husband, Steve, and their  
7 children, Christina and Steven; and to his other relatives and many  
8 friends; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
12 Officer Jaime Padron.