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H.R. No. 1382

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Waxahachie Police Department is mourning the  
2 loss of a dedicated and beloved member of its police dog unit, K-9  
3 officer Cross, who passed away on March 25, 2019, after seven years  
4 of service; and

5           WHEREAS, A Belgian Malinois mix, Cross worked in the field  
6 alongside Corporal Chance Huckabee, who came to regard him as a  
7 member of his family; the pair's unbreakable bond carried them  
8 through 290 deployments, during which Cross achieved a reliability  
9 rate of more than 90 percent and assisted with numerous arrests and  
10 drug seizures; and

11           WHEREAS, Dual-trained in both narcotics detection and  
12 apprehension, Cross showcased his skills by winning first place in  
13 the United States Police Canine Association Region 20 competition  
14 in 2016; he had the unique ability among police dogs to quickly  
15 adapt to any situation, and he was known to transition seamlessly  
16 from being a gentle canine ambassador for the department on visits  
17 to elementary schools to being a tenacious tracker on hunts for  
18 suspected criminals; having enjoyed a long career with the  
19 department, he was set to retire next year to live with Corporal  
20 Huckabee and his family; and

21           WHEREAS, Although the death of this exemplary police dog has  
22 brought great sadness to many, Cross will forever be remembered for  
23 the courage and enthusiasm with which he performed his duties as  
24 well as for the special camaraderie he shared with his handler and

1 colleagues; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby honor the service of K-9 officer Cross of the  
4 Waxahachie Police Department.