

By: Landtroop

H.R. No. 1234

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the loss of
2 Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Jonathan Thomas McDonald
3 of Post, who died in the line of duty on November 15, 2010, at the
4 age of 28; and

5 WHEREAS, Jonathan McDonald was born in Lubbock on July 24,
6 1982, to Cindy and John McDonald; he graduated from Greenwood High
7 School in 2000 and earned a bachelor's degree in business
8 administration and marketing from Texas Tech University in 2005;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald married his high school sweetheart, the
11 former Laura Michelle Thornton, in 2006, and together they were
12 blessed with a daughter, Kacyn, who was born in 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, While attending college, Mr. McDonald worked for
14 United Supermarkets, eventually attaining the position of manager;
15 in 2008, he felt called to public service and took a reduction in
16 salary to join the Texas Department of Public Safety; he graduated
17 from the DPS Academy in September of that year and was subsequently
18 stationed in Post; and

19 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Trooper McDonald had
20 worked in the community for two years, during which time he had won
21 the respect and affection of residents and colleagues alike; a man
22 of strong faith, he was an active member of the First Baptist Church
23 in Post; and

24 WHEREAS, Although he was taken much too soon, Jonathan

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1 McDonald leaves behind a legacy of devotion to his family and
2 community that will forever inspire all those who knew and loved
3 him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jonathan Thomas
6 McDonald and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
7 family: to his wife, Laura Michelle McDonald; to his daughter,
8 Kacyn Shae McDonald; to his parents, Cindy and John McDonald; to his
9 brothers, Mark McDonald and Jared McDonald; to his grandmothers,
10 Florene Connor and Frances Sanders; to his father-in-law and
11 mother-in-law, Donny and Kathy Thornton; and to his other relatives
12 and many friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jonathan
16 Thomas McDonald.