

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Mark Wade Atkins of Cedar Park passed away on March  
2 30, 2023, at the age of 59, leaving his loved ones with a wealth of  
3 memories that they will forever cherish; and

4        WHEREAS, Born in Big Spring on November 21, 1963, Mark Atkins  
5 was the son of Ted Roy and Nelda Faye Atkins; he grew up with the  
6 companionship of three sisters, Sharon, Diana, and Sandra, and he  
7 went on to graduate from Jack C. Hays High School in May 1982; he  
8 served for a year in the United States Air Force; and

9        WHEREAS, Mr. Atkins received his commission as a peace  
10 officer on September 1, 1983, and joined the Texas Capitol Police  
11 and the Capitol Police Honor Guard; he transferred to the Texas  
12 Department of Public Safety in September 1991, and he retired in  
13 April 2013 after more than two decades of service; over the course  
14 of his 30-year career in law enforcement, he dedicated himself to  
15 his professional development and earned certifications as a master  
16 peace officer and a firearms instructor; after retiring, he became  
17 a special ranger in June 2013; he had a wonderful sense of humor,  
18 and he was known for playing practical jokes on his coworkers; and

19       WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Atkins shared nearly  
20 three decades of marriage with his loving wife, Peggy Atkins, whom  
21 he wed on November 12, 1993; he also cherished his daughter, Laura  
22 Christine, who preceded him in death; in his free time, he enjoyed  
23 hunting, playing racquetball, boxing, and boating on the lake; and

24       WHEREAS, Although Mark Atkins is deeply missed, he will

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1 forever be remembered with admiration and affection by his family  
2 and by the numerous other individuals whose lives he touched; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Mark Wade Atkins and  
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
7 Peggy Atkins; to his sister, Diana Beard, and her husband, David; to  
8 his brother-in-law, Paul Green; to his nieces, Leila Little and her  
9 husband, Robert, Kendra Krebs and her husband, Bobby, and Sarah  
10 Bradt; to his nephews, Zack Green, Benjamin Reed, Mitchell Catlett,  
11 and Andrew Bradt; to his aunts, Margie Campbell and Midge Hart, and  
12 his uncle, Daniel Pitts; and to his other relatives and friends;  
13 and, be it further

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