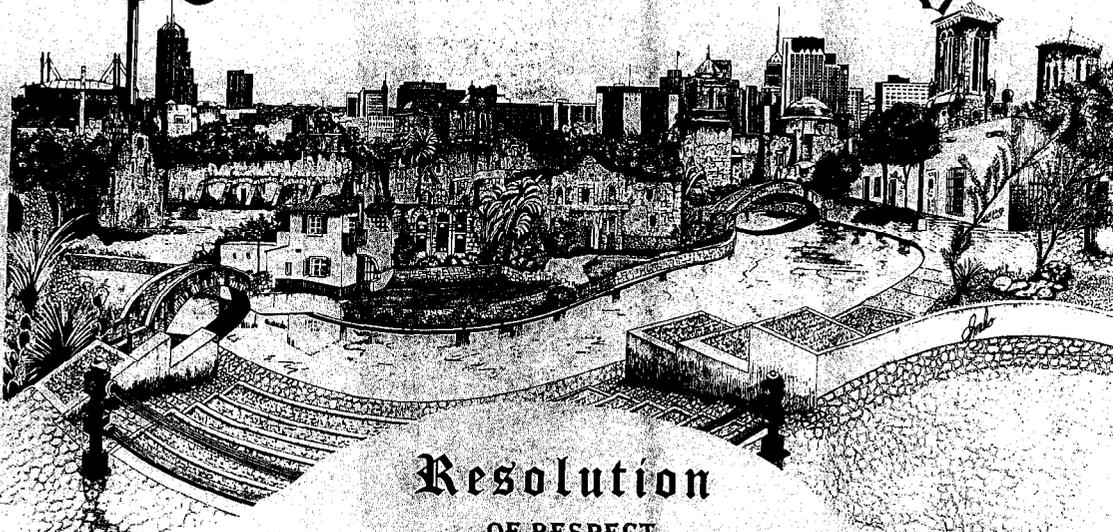


City of San Antonio



Resolution

OF RESPECT

2005-44-39

WHEREAS, ON OCTOBER 14, 2005, DEATH BROUGHT TO A CLOSE THE LIFE OF JOHN R. WHEELER, A MUCH LOVED HUSBAND, FATHER, AND RESPECTED SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICER; AND

WHEREAS, OFFICER WHEELER DIED IN A FIERY CRASH JUST MINUTES AFTER A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP, WHEN A SPEEDING CAR REAR-ENDED HIM, SETTING BOTH CARS ON FIRE; AND

WHEREAS, OFFICER WHEELER ENJOYED HIS CAREER WITH THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH HE JOINED IN 1993 AND BECAME THE FIRST OFFICER TO DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN NEARLY FOUR YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, OFFICER WHEELER RECEIVED THE PURPLE HEART FOR VALOR IN 2003 AFTER BEING SHOT BY 2 OF 21 BULLETS FROM A SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLE WHILE ANSWERING A ROBBERY CALL; AND

WHEREAS, OFFICER WHEELER WAS A TRUE SAN ANTONIO HERO WHO EARNED THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF MANY CITIZENS; HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL LIVE ON TO SERVE AS OUTSTANDING EXAMPLES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO EMULATE; AND

WHEREAS, ALTHOUGH HIS VOICE MAY HAVE BEEN SILENCED, HIS COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE CITIZENS OF THIS CITY WILL FOREVER LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL SAN ANTONIANS; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. THAT WITH THE DEATH OF JOHN R. WHEELER, THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HAS LOST A VALUABLE ASSET TO ITS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

SECTION 2. THAT THE CITY COUNCIL JOINS WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THEIR SORROW OVER HIS DEATH, AND EXTENDS ITS SINCEREST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF COMFORT TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR HIM.

SECTION 3. AND IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SPREAD UPON THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING AND A COPY THEREOF BE PRESENTED TO HIS FAMILY AS A TOKEN OF OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005.

Phil Hardberger
PHIL HARDBERGER
MAYOR

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