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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

On July 7, 2016, five Dallas first responders were murdered in the line of duty. Unfortunately, the Dallas community is not the only one to have suffered the loss of a first responder in the line of duty in recent months. Harris County, San Antonio, and Little Elm have dealt with this tragedy as well.

S.B. 798 designates July 7 as Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day. This bill creates the opportunity for all Texans to stand together in recognizing and honoring the bravery shown by these individuals, and all those who make the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect us.

As proposed, S.B. 798 amends current law relating to designating July 7 as Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.066, as follows:

Sec. 662.066. FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DAY. (a) Provides that July 7 is Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice made by Texas law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

(b) Requires that Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.