



## RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** *Tanner Higgins was born January 31, 1989. After graduating from Sulphur Springs High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in October 2007. Higgins completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga., as an infantryman. After graduating from the Basic Airborne Course there, he was assigned to the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program at Fort Benning; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Higgins graduated from the Army Ranger Program and was then assigned to Company D, 1st Bn., 75th Ranger Regiment in July 2008, where he served as a rifleman, grenadier, automatic rifleman, gun team leader and a Ranger team leader; and*
- WHEREAS,** *His military education included the Basic Airborne Course, Ranger Assessment and Selection Program, U.S. Army Ranger Course, Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course, U.S. Army Sniper School, and was the Warrior Leader Course Distinguished Leadership Awardee; and*
- WHEREAS,** *His awards and decorations included the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the U.S. Army Expert Rifle Marksmanship Qualification Badge; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Higgins was also awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Sgt. Tanner Stone Higgins, 23, was killed by enemy forces on April 14, 2012 during a heavy firefight while conducting combat operations in Logar Province, Afghanistan. He was leading an assault against an enemy compound when he was mortally wounded by small arms fire; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Tanner was a team leader assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. He was on his third deployment to Afghanistan in support of the War on Terror. He deployed to Iraq once; and*
- WHEREAS,** *He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Purple Heart; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Higgins is survived by his wife Shelby Lynn Higgins., his father Danny R. Higgins, and his mother Patti D. Sells; and*
- WHEREAS,** *As a Ranger, Higgins selflessly lived his life for others and distinguished himself as a member of the Army's premier direct action raid force and fought valiantly as he served his fellow Rangers and our great Nation; and*

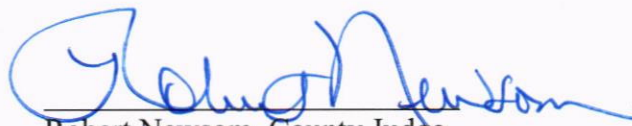
**WHEREAS,** *Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. Armed Forces, Tanner S. Higgins inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic Texan close in their hearts; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Commissioners' Court of Hopkins County requests that the portion of State Highway 154 from the municipal limits of Yantis, Texas in Wood County north to the municipal limits of Sulphur Springs, Texas in Hopkins County be designated as the Sergeant Tanner Stone Higgins Memorial Highway; and*

**WHEREAS,** *That the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) shall design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Sergeant Tanner Stone Higgins Memorial Highway, and other appropriate information. The department will erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway. Funds to accomplish this commemoration of a decorated and distinguished serviceman in the U.S. Army, who gave his life for his country, will be from private funds; and*

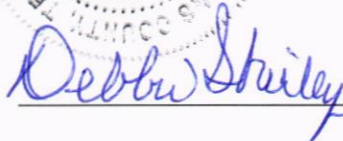
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** *that the Hopkins County Commissioners' Court does unanimously hereby recommend that the Texas State Legislature amend the Transportation Code designating Texas Highway 154 between Yantis and Sulphur Springs as Sgt. Tanner Stone Higgins Memorial Highway..*

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** unanimously by the Hopkins County Commissioners' Court at a Special meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2015.

  
Robert Newsom, County Judge



ATTEST:

  
COUNTY CLERK