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San Antonio Delegation Files SJR 1 for Families of First Responders

AUSTIN – State Senator Donna Campbell filed SJR 1 today, the enabling resolution for Senate Bill 15, also known as the First Responder Property Tax Relief Act. This legislation will provide a total homestead exemption for surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally injured while serving in the line of duty.

Senator Campbell was joined by the entire San Antonio delegation in filing SJR 1, including joint authors Sen. Jose Menendez, Sen. Carlos Uresti, and Sen. Judith Zaffirini, who have all shown compassion and concern after the recent and tragic assassination of San Antonio Police Detective Benjamin Marconi.

“Our first responders are among the bravest individuals in the nation” Senator Campbell said. “These men and women risk their lives every day to ensure that Texans are safe, and the least we can do is show our support for their families after a tragedy. By removing the property tax burden from the family of a fallen first responder, Texas is making that commitment.”

"Texas families trust that first responders will be there when we need them most. This legislation reassures the families of first responders that we will be there for them when they need us," Senator Menendez added.

At a time when first responders are being actively targeted across the country, Governor Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Patrick have made it a top priority to protect those who serve in Texas. The Dallas delegation filed SB 15 three weeks ago in response to the July 7, 2016 ambush-style murders of five first responders in Dallas. Senator Campbell has been supportive of measures to protect law enforcement.

"It is a privilege to honor the bravery of our first responders by joining in this bi-partisan effort. For the San Antonio delegation to join the Dallas delegation to work on this issue is truly extraordinary and demonstrates the momentum behind this legislation," Senator Campbell stated.

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State Senator Donna Campbell represents Senate District 25 and chairs the Veteran Affairs and Military Installations Committee.