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S.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Corbett Kennard Stephens of Tyler
2 on June 13, 2023, at the age of 48, brought an immeasurable loss to
3 his family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Tyler on September 11, 1974, Cory Stephens
5 was the son of Penny Stephens and Dr. Marvin Stephens, an
6 orthodontist; he grew up with the company of two siblings, Trey and
7 Brooke; as a boy, he dreamed of following in his father's footsteps,
8 and he began helping to clean his office during summers in order to
9 observe his work; he graduated with honors from The University of
10 Texas at Austin and completed the orthodontic program at Baylor
11 College of Dentistry in 2003; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Stephens began practicing with his father, and
13 Stephens and Stephens Orthodontics thrived in both Tyler and
14 Lindale; "Dr. Cory" loved caring for his patients, and he served
15 his profession in a number of capacities, including as president of
16 the Smith County Dental Society, as a diplomate of the American
17 Board of Orthodontics, and as an active member of the Baylor College
18 of Dentistry Orthodontic Alumni Association; in addition, he was a
19 member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society,
20 the American Association of Orthodontists, the Edward H. Angle
21 Society of Orthodontists, and the Charles H. Tweed International
22 Foundation for Orthodontic Research and Education; he received the
23 Scholastic Achievement Award from the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Dr. Stephens served as
2 president of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-North Texas Chapter,
3 and he was a member of the Tyler Rose Festival's Order of the Rose;
4 he was a man of faith, having grown up attending Marvin Methodist
5 Church; he loved spending time with his family, especially at the
6 lake house, where he taught many people how to water ski, or hunting
7 at the ranch; his yellow lab, "Miss Bree," was his constant
8 companion; and

9 WHEREAS, Although Cory Stephens is deeply missed, he has left
10 his family and friends with many cherished memories, and he will
11 forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
13 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Corbett
14 Kennard Stephens and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
15 family: to his mother, Penny Kennard Stephens; to his sister,
16 Brooke Marie Stephens; to his niece, Marlee Blythe Stephens; to his
17 aunt and uncle, Dr. Jerry Lehmann and Janie Lehmann; to his cousin,
18 Dr. Melissa Leigh Lehmann; and to all who mourn his passing; and, be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
22 day, it do so in memory of Cory Stephens.