By: Smithee H.R. No. 609

RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Family and friends suffered an immeasurable loss
- 2 with the tragic death of Preston Henry Ralston of Dalhart on
- 3 February 13, 2023, at the age of 15; and
- WHEREAS, Born in Amarillo on July 23, 2007, Preston Ralston
- 5 was the son of Sarah and Wes Ralston; he grew up in Dalhart with the
- 6 companionship of a brother, Parker, and a sister, Payton; and
- 7 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Mr. Ralston was a
- 8 student at Dalhart High School; he was also an active member of
- 9 St. James Anglican Church and served as an acolyte and lay reader;
- 10 more recently, he began attending Hillside Youth; and
- 11 WHEREAS, An avid animal lover, Mr. Ralston was a member of
- 12 Dallam and Hartley Counties 4-H, where he was a senior delegate for
- 13 the Leaders and Feeders club and a member of the shotgun team; he
- 14 enjoyed showing and judging livestock and served on the Bi-County
- 15 Livestock Show Junior Board; moreover, he was the district sentinel
- 16 for the Dalhart FFA and participated in several career and
- 17 leadership development events; a devoted friend, he was well liked
- 18 by all who knew him and could brighten any room; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Though his journey on this earth ended far too soon,
- 20 Preston Ralston leaves behind numerous friends and loved ones whose
- 21 lives are far richer for having known him, and he will always hold a
- 22 treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it
- 23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Preston Henry Ralston

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- 1 and extend profound condolences to the members of his family: to his
- 2 parents, Sarah and Wes Ralston; to his brother, Parker Ralston; to
- 3 his sister, Payton Ralston; to his grandparents, Anita and Seth
- 4 Ralston and Bud Snead; to his aunts and uncles, Danna and MJ Shult,
- 5 Rebecca and Cody Reep, Rachel and Craig Hunter, and Jeff Lackie; to
- 6 his cousins, Macy, Jared, Cooper, Allison, Riley, Randen, Bentley,
- 7 Jagger, and Jack; and to all others who mourn his passing; and, be
- 8 it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Preston
- 12 Ralston.