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H.R. No. 1704

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of admired disability awareness advocate Randell Keith Resneder of  
4 Lubbock, who passed away on February 11, 2022, at the age of 48; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Norma Arnold Resneder and Robert  
6 Resneder, Randell Resneder was born in Lubbock on December 31,  
7 1973; he considered his cerebral palsy a gift he was given at birth,  
8 enabling him to demonstrate that a disability does not define an  
9 individual or determine what they can accomplish; and

10 WHEREAS, While attending William S. Hart High School in Santa  
11 Clarita, California, Mr. Resneder became a trailblazer in  
12 mainstreaming; he addressed the confusion and bias of fellow  
13 students who lacked exposure to people with disabilities, and he  
14 organized an awareness week featuring motivational speakers with  
15 disabilities, as well as wheelchair races and other activities; it  
16 became an annual event, and he launched a similar program as a  
17 student at College of the Canyons; his accomplishments earned him  
18 recognition from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the  
19 *Los Angeles Times*, and numerous community groups and publications;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Resneder went on to earn a bachelor's degree in  
22 family studies and human development from the University of North  
23 Texas and both a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies and a  
24 master of education degree in instructional technology from Texas

1 Tech University; the founder of Disability Awareness Programs of  
2 Texas, he was its executive director and served as a consultant and  
3 speaker on special needs issues; he received gubernatorial  
4 appointments to the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities  
5 and the Texas State Independent Living Council; sustained by a  
6 strong faith, he was a member of First Christian Church and a  
7 supporter of the Special Friends Ministry at Bacon Heights Baptist  
8 Church, where he occasionally preached to members of the special  
9 needs community and their loved ones; and

10 WHEREAS, Randell Resneder made a positive difference in  
11 countless lives through his tireless efforts in behalf of people  
12 with disabilities, and his courage, determination, and compassion  
13 will remain a lasting source of inspiration to all who were  
14 fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Randell Keith  
17 Resneder and that sincere sympathy be extended to the members of his  
18 family: to his parents, Norma and Robert Resneder; to his twin  
19 brother, Rob Resneder, and his wife, Heather; to his nieces and  
20 nephews, Charlotte, RJ, and Garrett Resneder; to his grandmother,  
21 Imogene Davis; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be  
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Randell  
26 Resneder.