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S.R. No. 459

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic passing of Joseph Gerard Banales on April
2 15, 2023, at the age of 22, has brought an incalculable loss to the
3 family and friends of this beloved young man; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 15, 2000, to Margarito Banales III
5 and Frances Szabo, Joseph Banales grew up with the companionship of
6 his twin sister, Gabriella, and his brothers, Krisztofer, Nickolas,
7 and Matthew; he attended Catholic school until moving with his
8 family to Germany, where he graduated with honors from Ramstein
9 High School; he excelled as a saxophonist in the St. Anthony High
10 School Jazz Band and also competed in numerous drill team and rifle
11 team events while in high school; and

12 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Mr. Banales was enrolled
13 as a student at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio;
14 in addition to being in the nursing program and serving as a senator
15 in the student government, he was a contracted cadet in the ROTC
16 program and was on track to be commissioned into the U.S. Army as a
17 nurse in December 2023; and

18 WHEREAS, In pursuing a military career in nursing, this
19 patriotic young man was following in the footsteps of his parents
20 and oldest brother, who served as army nurses, and of his other
21 siblings, who have all been active in the military and reserve; he
22 enjoyed being part of a close-knit family, and his relationship
23 with his girlfriend, Amy Bonilla, was a source of much happiness to
24 him; and

1 WHEREAS, Although Joseph Banales will be greatly missed, his
2 loved ones will forever cherish their memories of his kindness, his
3 devotion to his faith and his country, and the joy and laughter that
4 he brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
6 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Joseph Gerard Banales and extend
7 heartfelt condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
11 day, it do so in memory of Joseph Banales.