

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a remarkable champion for
2 the autism community with the passing of Maverick Levertt
3 Crawford III of San Antonio on August 23, 2024, at the age of 28;
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5 WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio on April 14, 1996, Maverick
6 Crawford was the son of Vernita Wheeler and Maverick Crawford Sr.;
7 he was highly intelligent and possessed an amazing memory, and he
8 graduated with honors from Brooks Academy of Science and
9 Engineering; although he was diagnosed with severe autism spectrum
10 disorder and suffered from a number of other health issues, he
11 defied expectations and earned his associate's degree from
12 St. Philip's College; he went on to win the College of Public Policy
13 Most Outstanding Student Award at The University of Texas at San
14 Antonio, where he completed his bachelor's degree cum laude in
15 criminal justice and public administration; he received a master's
16 degree in social work from UT Arlington; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Crawford interned at the San Antonio State
18 Hospital as a high school student and worked at Texas Roadhouse and
19 Target; later, he was employed at Best Buy and the Tower of the
20 Americas and interned with U.S. Pretrial Services; he was dedicated
21 to making a positive difference in the lives of others and
22 encouraging them to celebrate their own uniqueness; he served as a
23 mentor to Lanier High School students and volunteered with children
24 at UTSA's autism center; moreover, he assisted the National

1 Alliance on Mental Illness Greater San Antonio in fighting the
2 stigma against seeking care; at the state level, he served on the
3 Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities; he made many valuable
4 contributions in the council's policy discussions, and his fellow
5 members greatly valued his kindness and friendship; he wrote a
6 memoir, *Overcoming the Odds*, and he loved to take walks while
7 listening to old-school music, especially the Bill Withers song
8 "Lovely Day" and Luther Vandross's "Superstar"; and

9 WHEREAS, Although Maverick Crawford's life ended far too
10 soon, he inspired innumerable people through his courage and
11 compassion, and he will forever hold a special place in their
12 hearts; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Maverick Levertt
15 Crawford III and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
16 family: to his father, Maverick Levertt Crawford Sr.; to his
17 mother, Vernita Marie Wheeler; to his aunts, Jeffrey Ann Wheeler
18 and Cynthia Yvonne Wheeler; to his siblings, Quentin Davon Wheeler,
19 Brittany Monique Crawford, and Shaneka Deshay Bruno; and to his
20 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maverick
24 Crawford.

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H.R. No. 1062

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1062 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2025.

Chief Clerk of the House