

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 554

In Memory  
of  
Christopher Stone

**WHEREAS,** The family and friends of Christopher "Chris" Jake Stone of Santa Fe, Texas, suffered an incalculable loss with his death on May 18, 2018, at the age of 17; and

**WHEREAS,** Chris Stone demonstrated extraordinary bravery during the mass shooting at Santa Fe High School, where eight students and two teachers lost their lives; Chris used his body to barricade a door in his classroom, preventing the gunman from entering and protecting the classmates who were sheltering alongside him; he passed away at the scene after being shot by the gunman; in tribute to his valiant actions, he was posthumously recognized with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Young Hero Award, one of the nation's highest commendations for youth; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Webster on October 19, 2000, Chris Stone was the beloved son of Christopher and Rosie Stone and the brother of two sisters, Angelica and Mercedes; a junior at Santa Fe High School, Chris was a member of the junior varsity football and ultimate Frisbee teams; he was known as a kind, affectionate, and fun-loving young man who brightened the world for everyone around him; and

**WHEREAS,** In the words of John 15:13, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends"; Chris Stone will forever be remembered for the remarkable selflessness and courage that he demonstrated in the final moments of his life, as well as for the joy, laughter, and companionship that he shared with his loved ones; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Christopher Jake Stone and honor the heroism of this remarkable young Texan; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chris Stone.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2025, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate