

By: Truitt

H.C.R. No. 189

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Brandon Fails of Grapevine
2 on November 25, 2002, at the age of 18, has brought a profound loss
3 to his family and many friends, and it is most appropriate that we
4 honor his memory at this time; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, he was born on May 7, 1984, in
6 Grapevine; he was a student at Cannon Elementary School, went on to
7 attend Colleyville Heritage Middle School, and graduated with the
8 Class of 2002 at Colleyville Heritage High School; and

9 WHEREAS, A member of the Texas A&M University football team,
10 Mr. Fails was known for his outstanding athletic talent and
11 dedication to his teammates; during his time as a Colleyville
12 Heritage High School Panther, he was named the state's Class 5A
13 Defensive Player of the Year in 2001 and earned first-team
14 All-State honors; as a senior, his record of tackles and sacks
15 helped his school lead Fort Worth area 5A teams in points allowed
16 and rushing yards allowed; and

17 WHEREAS, Baptized while a congregant of Mount Horuhm Baptist
18 Church, where he professed his faith in Christ at a young age, he
19 later joined the Young Life Ministries at Highland Meadows
20 Christian Church; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Fails delighted his family and friends with his
22 enthusiasm for life and his kind heart, and he reminded them that
23 the ability to give and inspire love is not limited by age or time;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Although it is immeasurably painful to say good-bye
2 to one so young, it is comforting to know that while his time here
3 was all too brief, Mr. Fails will long be remembered as a man of
4 honor and integrity by the many people who knew and admired him;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby honor the memory of Brandon Fails and extend sincere
8 sympathy to his parents, Charles and Valerie Fails; to his brother
9 and sisters, Jodfrey Fails, Tameka Vaughn, and Kimpell Jerrells; to
10 his grandmother, Clarice McGrue; and to the many others who mourn
11 the passing of this beloved young man; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
15 Brandon Fails.