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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of John William Overbey of
2 Austin on December 24, 2002, at the age of 12, has brought a tragic
3 loss to the family and many friends of this beloved young man, and
4 it is most appropriate that we honor his memory at this time; and

5 WHEREAS, An Austin native who was named in honor of both his
6 grandfathers, he was born on March 27, 1990, to Kirk and Lisa
7 Overbey, and his close-knit family includes his older sister,
8 Emily; and

9 WHEREAS, John attended St. Theresa's Catholic School through
10 third grade, was a student at St. Louis Catholic School, where he
11 was a favorite among his seventh-grade classmates, and served his
12 fellow congregants of St. Louis Catholic Church as an altar server;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, A former Cub Scout, this outstanding young Texan had
15 just earned his Star Rank as a member of Boy Scouts; John especially
16 enjoyed hiking, camping, and fishing with his father and was
17 happily anticipating a winter scouting campout as well as a summer
18 camping trip; while vacationing with his family recently, he had
19 fulfilled a longtime dream by experiencing the sport of
20 snowboarding; and

21 WHEREAS, This sensitive young man delighted his family and
22 friends with his kind heart, sweet spirit, and a joyful sense of
23 humor that kept everyone around him laughing; and

24 WHEREAS, John maintained a creative writing journal, an idea

1 that drew inspiration from J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*,
2 and his plans for the future included a desire to become a writer;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Although it is immeasurably painful to say good-bye
5 to one so young and full of promise, it is fitting to remember that
6 while John's time here was all too brief, his presence profoundly
7 affected all those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor the memory of John William Overbey and
10 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
11 parents, Kirk and Lisa Overbey; to his sister, Emily Overbey; to his
12 grandparents, John and Susan Overbey, Lorna Overbey, and William
13 and Darrylin Hudson; to his uncles, Ronald and Darryl Hudson; to his
14 aunts, Kathy and Dorothy Overbey; to his cousin, William Hudson;
15 and to the other relatives and many friends of this cherished young
16 man; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John
20 William Overbey.