

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Demetrios John "Rio"
2 Nicholas of Fredericksburg on December 6, 2001, at the age of 19,
3 brought a profound loss to his family and many friends, and it is
4 most appropriate that we honor his memory at this time; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, he was born on September 1, 1982, in
6 Kerrville; he attained the rank of Eagle Scout and graduated from
7 Fredericksburg High School; and

8 WHEREAS, Earning one of only 27 United States Air Force ROTC
9 scholarships awarded in Texas, he attended the Colorado School of
10 Mines in Golden, where he was an active, successful cadet in the
11 school's ROTC program; and

12 WHEREAS, This highly regarded young man received a nomination
13 to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, New York, from
14 U.S. Congressman Lamar Smith, and had been accepted as a student;
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16 WHEREAS, Mr. Nicholas delighted his family and friends with
17 his enthusiasm for life and his kind heart, and he reminded them
18 that the ability to give and inspire love is not limited by age or
19 time; and

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

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature hereby honor the memory of "Rio" Nicholas and extend
3 sincere sympathy to his parents, John and Brenda Nicholas; to his
4 brothers, William and Alexander Nicholas; to his grandmothers,
5 Irene Nicholas and Harriett Schlaudt; and to the other relatives
6 and many friends of this exceptional young man; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
9 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
10 Demetrios John "Rio" Nicholas.

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H.R. No. 475

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 475 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 15, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House