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H.R. No. 342

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas  
2 joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Tara Rose  
3 McAvoy, who died March 13, 2006, at the age of 18; and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. McAvoy was the reigning Miss Deaf Texas; she was  
5 born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on July 17, 1987, attended the  
6 Model Secondary School for the Deaf on the Gallaudet University  
7 campus in Washington, D.C., and was a graduate of the Texas School  
8 for the Deaf; she attended Austin Community College in the fall of  
9 2005 and transferred to Gallaudet University in January of 2006;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, With a lifelong passion for learning and continually  
12 challenging herself to achieve higher goals, Ms. McAvoy was an  
13 honor student, and at the Texas School for the Deaf, she was  
14 involved in many school activities and sports, including  
15 cheerleading, basketball, and track; she had special interests in  
16 art and drama and had performed in several productions; and

17           WHEREAS, She had traveled across the country, participated in  
18 a youth leadership camp in Florida, marched in a cheerleading  
19 parade in London, attended a presidential classroom week at the  
20 White House, and served an internship at the National Association  
21 of the Deaf; and

22           WHEREAS, As Miss 2005-2007 Deaf Texas, Ms. McAvoy performed  
23 her duties with exceptional grace and dignity; she was Miss  
24 Pre-Teen South Texas of 1999 and participated in the American Coed

1 Pageant among girls with hearing; throughout her life, she  
2 encouraged other young people to stay in school, pursue an  
3 education, and practice good sportsmanship; and

4 WHEREAS, She was a devoted daughter, granddaughter, and  
5 sister, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured  
6 forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor the life of Tara Rose  
9 McAvoy and extend sincere condolences to her family; and, be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for her  
12 family as an expression of deepest sympathy, and that when the Texas  
13 House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
14 Tara Rose McAvoy.