

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 137

In Memory
of
Tara Rose McAvoy

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

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

WHEREAS, Tara had a lifelong passion for learning and continually challenged herself to achieve higher goals; she was an honor student, and at the Texas School for the Deaf, she was involved in many school activities and sports, including cheerleading, basketball, and track; she had special interests in art and drama and had performed in several productions; and

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

WHEREAS, As Miss 2005-2007 Deaf Texas, Tara performed her duties with exceptional grace and dignity; she was Miss Pre-Teen South Texas of 1999 and participated in the American Coed Pageant

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor the life of Tara Rose McAvoy and extend sincere condolences to her bereaved family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tara Rose McAvoy.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2006, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate