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H.R. No. 1847

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jeffre Ward Rotkoff, the chief of staff for State
2 Representative Marc Veasey, is celebrating his 26th birthday at the
3 State Capitol on May 20, 2005, sharing an unspoken bond with
4 countless other legislative employees who are largely ignoring
5 their birthdays in the waning days of the legislative session; and

6 WHEREAS, The son of schoolteacher Libby Rotkoff and retired
7 Colonel Steven Rotkoff, Mr. Rotkoff was born in Monterey,
8 California, in 1979--the state and the decade more than likely
9 responsible for the conspicuous absence of a "y" in his first name;
10 as is often the case with children whose parents serve in the
11 military, he grew up in locations across the globe, experiencing
12 different cultures and living in such exotic places as Germany and
13 even Kansas; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout his childhood, Mr. Rotkoff enjoyed a
15 passion for music, action figures, and the movies, particularly
16 *Star Wars* and *Back to the Future*; a doting older brother to his
17 sister, Sara, this caring young man willingly helped to entertain
18 the children of his father's troops as well, many of whom were
19 sorely in need of a surrogate big brother after their parents were
20 deployed to Bosnia; and

21 WHEREAS, Though rumored to still enjoy arranging tiny plastic
22 soldiers as a student in high school, he has widened his list of
23 interests in recent years to include cooking, playing the guitar,
24 Longhorn sports, and, of course, politics; and

1 WHEREAS, This alumnus of The University of Texas at Austin
2 has enjoyed a varied and successful career in government since his
3 2001 graduation; in addition to his current post, he worked with
4 Congressman Chet Edwards, serving both on the campaign trail and as
5 a field representative in his district office; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Jeffre Rotkoff has proven
7 himself to be a man of conviction and compassion, and it is hoped
8 that his first regular session as a legislative staffer has hooked
9 him sufficiently to ensure that he will be on hand throughout many
10 future regular sessions, even if it does mean he can only fully
11 observe his birthday biennially in even-numbered years; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Jeffre Ward Rotkoff on the occasion
15 of his 26th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for
16 continued achievement; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Rotkoff as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.