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H.C.R. No. 262

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The life of John Austin Pena of Edinburg was cut
2 tragically short on May 18, 2001, at the age of 16, and the Texas
3 House of Representatives and Senate join his family and friends in
4 honoring the memory of this beloved young Texan; and

5 WHEREAS, John Pena was born at Park Place Hospital in Houston
6 on October 4, 1984; after living for a time in Houston, he grew up in
7 Austin, where he attended public school, and in Edinburg, where he
8 attended Jefferson and St. Matthew's Elementary Schools and
9 Edinburg North High School; and

10 WHEREAS, John was a bright, spirited, cheerful young man who
11 had many good friends; his broad spectrum of interests ranged from
12 sports--especially basketball, soccer, and baseball--to
13 skateboarding and playing laser tag with his pals and playing video
14 games with his younger brother "Mikey"; endowed with a lively
15 imagination and curiosity, he also enjoyed writing and traveling;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Today, the radiance exuded by this treasured young
18 man continues to live on through the John Austin Pena Scholarship;
19 established by the Texas Association of Addiction Professionals on
20 July 18, 2005, this grant carries a heartfelt message of hope and is
21 awarded to a member of the TAAP Texas Teens program who is pursuing
22 a college degree; and

23 WHEREAS, We stand together in commemoration of John's life
24 with his loving family members: his father and stepmother, Aaron

1 Pena, Jr., and Monica Pena; his mother, Criselda Pena; his dear
2 siblings, Adrienne Pena-Garza, Aaron Leonel Pena, Alyssa Victoria
3 Pena, and Michael Anthony Pena; his beloved young daughter, Chelsea
4 Pena, and all his other relatives; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby extend its deepest condolences to the family of John Austin
7 Pena on their immeasurable loss; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the members of his family as an expression of great
10 compassion and that when the Texas House of Representatives and
11 Senate adjourn this day, they do so in fond memory of John Austin
12 Pena.