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H.R. No. 529

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Robert Walker Best
2 suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this talented,
3 caring, and beloved young man on August 26, 2006, at the age of 23;
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5 WHEREAS, Born August 22, 1983, Walker Best grew up in San
6 Antonio and attended Winston Churchill High School, where he was a
7 wide receiver for the Chargers football team and impressed his
8 teammates and coaches with his hard work and spirited play; he was
9 equally dedicated to his studies, and his exceptional grades earned
10 him the title of valedictorian for the 2002 graduating class; he was
11 also active in student government, and his accomplishments as
12 athlete, scholar, and leader prompted his classmates to vote him
13 the best all-around student at Churchill High; and

14 WHEREAS, After receiving his diploma, Mr. Best enrolled at
15 Texas A&M University in the fall of 2002, where he majored in
16 biology and was an honors student; though focused on academics, he
17 found time to participate in extracurricular affairs at the
18 university, acting as chair for intramural league activities, being
19 voted Sportsman of the Year for 2004-2005, and serving as a member
20 of the Conference on Student Government Associations; his ultimate
21 goal was to become a doctor, like his father before him, and he
22 planned to attend medical school after his anticipated graduation
23 in December 2006; and

24 WHEREAS, Both Texas A&M and Churchill High School have

1 honored the memory of Mr. Best; the Churchill football team wore his
2 initials, W. B., on their helmets during the 2006 season, and on
3 October 3, he was commemorated in the Aggie Silver Taps ceremony;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Walker Best was known for his generous and
6 compassionate personality, which was expressed in his eagerness to
7 help those in need; a member of University United Methodist Church
8 in San Antonio, he sought to embrace the Christian concepts of love
9 and forgiveness, and his success in fulfilling these ideals,
10 combined with his engaging and upbeat personality, endeared him to
11 many; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Walker Best and
14 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
15 parents, Brenda Best and Dr. George Stephen Best; to his brothers,
16 Scott Price Best and his wife, Kelli, Stephen Lane Best and his
17 wife, Kristen, and Thomas Foster Best; to his nephews, Nathaniel
18 and Andrew; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
23 Walker Best.