

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The tragedy of a young life cut short by disease is a  
2 sobering reminder of both the fragility and the preciousness of our  
3 time on this earth, and it is with deep sorrow that we join the  
4 family and many friends of Samuel J. West of Arlington in mourning  
5 his passing on January 15, 2007, at the age of 16; and

6           WHEREAS, Born on August 15, 1990, Sam West fought a long and  
7 difficult battle with leukemia, confronting the disease with  
8 courage and setting a positive example that comforted others and  
9 benefited friends many years his senior; and

10          WHEREAS, Mr. West was of great assistance to the Kiwanis Club  
11 of Arlington, and he was also an active member of the Arlington High  
12 School Key Club; thoughtful and generous, he devoted many hours as a  
13 volunteer on Pancake Day, waiting tables, washing dishes, and  
14 contributing to the overall success of that event; and

15          WHEREAS, The loved ones of Sam West were lucky indeed to have  
16 known him, and they will forever carry memories of him close in  
17 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Samuel J. West and  
20 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his father  
21 and stepmother, Steve West and Valeri Lee; to his mother and  
22 stepfather, Michelle and Ray Gutierrez; to his sisters, Holly and  
23 Marina Gutierrez; to his loving grandparents, Samuel and Barbara  
24 West and Sandra Purdy and Lou Schwartz; and to his other relatives

1 and friends; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Samuel J.  
5 West.

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H.R. No. 687

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 687 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 22, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House