## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Words cannot diminish the pain of a young life ended too soon, and it is with great sadness that we join the family and friends of Philip Abraham Mahl in mourning his passing on February

4 24, 2007, at the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 5, 1980, in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Philip Mahl moved to Del Rio with his family in 1983; he attended the Little Schoolhouse, North Heights Elementary School, and was a member of the Del Rio High School Class of 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mahl, a multicultural Texan fluent in Spanish, English, and French, lived in Costa Rica for a year as a participant in Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program; returning home in the summer of 2000, he served as a legislative page with the Texas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Philip Mahl established an impressive career in the culinary arts that began in Austin, with his affiliation with Siena Ristorante Toscano; in 2001, he traveled to Lyon, France, to attend L'Institut Paul Bocuse, Hôtellerie et Arts Culinaires, graduating in 2003 with a degree in culinary arts and restaurant management; that same year, he was part of the Bocuse d'Or, an international culinary competition in which he assisted the USA team; this talented, high-energy individual earned respect for his work in historic, prestigious kitchens both at home and abroad, including restaurants located in Paris and Vienne, France; Boston, Massachusetts; McLean, Virginia; and New York City and East

- 1 Hampton, New York; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Although deeply saddened by his death, his loved
- 3 ones may take some comfort in the many happy times spent in his
- 4 company and treasure their memories of this accomplished young man;
- 5 now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Philip Abraham Mahl
- 8 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
- 9 mother, Ramona Mahl; to his father, Jeffrey Steven Mahl; to his
- 10 sisters, Tula Quetzal Mahl and Ethiopia Seyfu Sisay; to his
- 11 maternal grandmother, Ma del Socorro Mancha Molinar; to his
- 12 paternal grandfather, Charles Zingman; and to his other relatives
- and many friends; and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Philip
- 17 Abraham Mahl.

Gallego

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1307 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 13, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House