

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot diminish the pain of a young life ended
2 too soon, and it is with great sadness that we join the family and
3 friends of Charles Knox Alford in mourning his passing on February
4 13, 2009, at the age of 16; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on November 30, 1992, Mr. Alford was
6 the son of Mary and Gene Alford; he was a sophomore at Strake Jesuit
7 College Preparatory in Houston and previously attended
8 Annunciation Orthodox School from preschool through eighth grade;
9 passionate about lacrosse, he was an enthusiastic member of the
10 Strake team; Mr. Alford also sang in the choir and was a proud
11 member of the engineering club, serving on the team that recently
12 won a statewide engineering competition; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Alford demonstrated great maturity and kindness
14 after his father was paralyzed in a tractor accident and assisted
15 him in every way; in addition, this uncommonly selfless teenager
16 exemplified the principles of his faith by participating annually
17 in two summer mission trips with First Presbyterian Church of
18 Houston, where he was a valued member; and

19 WHEREAS, A Life Scout in Troop #55 of the Boy Scouts of
20 America, Mr. Alford was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and
21 other outdoor activities with his family; his warm manner and
22 upbeat, exuberant personality endeared him to friends, who fondly
23 called him "Chico," and to his loving family members, who gave him
24 the nickname "Charlie Bear"; and

1 WHEREAS, Charles Alford will be profoundly missed, but those
2 who held him dear may find comfort in the memory of his remarkable
3 generosity and unwavering devotion, which have inspired so many
4 people; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles Knox Alford
7 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
8 parents, Mary and Gene Alford; to his brother and sister, John and
9 Bess; to his grandparents, Annette and John Long and Phyllis and
10 Landon Alford; to Norma Salmon, who helped care for him since his
11 infancy; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles
15 Knox Alford.

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H.R. No. 835

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 835 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House