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H.R. No. 2115

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Jason
2 Lee Hightower of Winnsboro, who died on March 20, 2009, at the age
3 of 37; and

4 WHEREAS, Jason Hightower was born in Huntsville on March 30,
5 1971, to Don and Patricia Hightower; he was a graduate of Winnsboro
6 High School and Texas A&M University; and

7 WHEREAS, A broadcaster from the age of 16, Mr. Hightower went
8 on to buy radio station KMOO in Mineola in 1998; he was committed to
9 the idea of a locally owned and operated radio station that was
10 engaged with its community; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hightower was also actively engaged in civic
12 affairs, serving as the master of ceremonies for many local events,
13 including chamber of commerce banquets, spelling bees, and hay
14 shows; he served on the boards of the Wood County Junior Livestock
15 Market Show, Mineola Development, Inc., and the Brazos Valley
16 chapter of the American Heart Association, and he had served as
17 board chair for the Texas Association of Broadcasters and as board
18 president for the Brazos Valley Food Bank; and

19 WHEREAS, This caring gentleman also participated in the
20 Children's Miracle Network fund-raiser and served on the CMN
21 advisory board for Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics; he
22 was the Radio MASH event director and community liaison for the
23 annual toy drive in Bryan-College Station, and he was a member of
24 the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Quitman;

1 moreover, he was recognized as the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year by
2 the Mineola Area Chamber of Commerce; and

3 WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Jason Hightower
4 dedicated himself to his family and his community, and though his
5 life ended far too soon, the memory of his generosity and enthusiasm
6 will forever occupy a treasured place in the hearts of those who
7 knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jason Lee Hightower
10 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 wife, Ingrid Hightower; to his children, Brazos, Wyatt, and Halee
12 Grace Hightower; to his parents, Don and Patricia Hightower; to his
13 grandparents, Dorothea Hightower and Horace Ray and Thelma Lewis;
14 to his sister, Amy Hightower; to his sisters-in-law, Erricka Walton
15 and Aleasha Smith; to his mother- and father-in-law, Hans and Karen
16 Hansen; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jason Lee
20 Hightower.