

By: Duncan

S.C.R. No. 18

1                                 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2                 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas honors and  
3 commemorates the life of Raul "Rudy" Acosta, who died February 18,  
4 2008, at the age of 43; and

5                 WHEREAS, Raul "Rudy" Acosta was born November 25, 1964;  
6 diagnosed with a rare and severe form of muscular dystrophy at the  
7 age of two, he faced his life with dignity, courage, and an enduring  
8 determination to help others with disabilities; and

9                 WHEREAS, Mr. Acosta lived for many years in various  
10 institutions throughout the state before acquiring the services he  
11 needed to live independently; his experiences drove his desire to  
12 serve as an advocate for community alternatives to nursing homes  
13 and state institutions; and

14                 WHEREAS, Mr. Acosta overcame his physical limitations to earn  
15 degrees from Odessa College and Texas Tech University, and he was  
16 later appointed to the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities  
17 by Governor George W. Bush; and

18                 WHEREAS, Mr. Acosta served on the board of directors of  
19 Advocacy, Incorporated, and in 2002 was honored by the Texas State  
20 Independent Living Council with its Outstanding Consumer Award; and

21                 WHEREAS, A man of courage, inner strength, and limitless  
22 resolve, Mr. Acosta gave generously to others, and his wisdom,  
23 irrepressible good humor, and enthusiasm for living each day to the  
24 fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew him; he will long be

1 remembered for his impressive spirit and his many accomplishments;  
2 now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and  
5 friends of Raul "Rudy" Acosta; and, be it further

6         RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his  
7 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas  
8 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do  
9 so in memory of Raul Acosta.

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