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
- 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
- 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

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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.
	President of the Senate Speaker of the House
	I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 18 was adopted by the Senate
	on February 18, 2009.
	Secretary of the Senate
	I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 18 was adopted by the House
	on March 5, 2009.
	Chief Clerk of the House
	Approved:
	Date
	Governor