

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
3 the tragic death of James Michael Grant of Gatesville on September
4 15, 2007, at the age of 44; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael Grant was born in Denton to Garnett and
6 Nancy Grant on May 23, 1963; he graduated from Gatesville High
7 School in 1981 and went on to attend Southwest Texas State
8 University; he later became an integral part of the family
9 business, including operating Grant's Bar & Grill in Copperas Cove
10 for more than 10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Possessing a natural love of learning, Mr. Grant
12 eagerly consumed knowledge of history and politics and delighted in
13 the family pastime of political debate; moreover, he was an avid
14 reader whose goal it was to read all of the great books; equally
15 comfortable with hands-on pursuits, he had a knack for building and
16 repairing things, and he was a gifted writer and artist; his
17 multifaceted interests also included star gazing at the top of
18 Grant's Mountain, hunting, camping, football, guns, and cars; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Grant further distinguished himself as a
20 dedicated and loving father who worked hard to provide a good home
21 for his children; with his genuine love of life and his generosity
22 toward others, he set an inspiring example for his daughters, Jana
23 and Kate, and their remarkable achievements since his passing are
24 due in no small part to the foundation he laid for them while he was

1 alive; and

2 WHEREAS, His oldest daughter, Jana Ramsey Grant, is a
3 graduating senior at Comanche High School, where she was not only
4 named class favorite both her junior and senior years, but she was
5 also selected as the 2008-2009 homecoming queen; in addition, she
6 has participated in such UIL events as literary criticism, prose,
7 poetry, and one-act play, for which she earned Honorable Mention
8 All-Star Cast, and she is a member of the cheerleading squad;
9 outside of school, she gives back to her fellow residents through
10 her involvement in the faith-based group Community Rehab; and

11 WHEREAS, Kate Grant is a straight-A student in the gifted and
12 talented program at Decatur Intermediate School and was an
13 award-winning participant in the FFA food project at the Wise
14 County Youth Fair; when she is not studying, she spends much of her
15 time practicing for the Quest Aquatics Swim Team, and she plans to
16 participate in track and field, cross-country, and volleyball at
17 Decatur Middle School next year; moreover, she has explored public
18 service as an honorary sergeant in the Texas House of
19 Representatives and as a student scholar in Senator Kip Averitt's
20 office; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Grant would no doubt beam with pride to see these
22 talented young women today; left in his stead to share in the
23 pleasure of their accomplishments are his father, Garnett Grant,
24 and his siblings, Shelton and Kathy Grant; Michael Grant was the
25 rock of his close-knit family, and it is only fitting that they are
26 in turn providing such stability, encouragement, and guidance for
27 his cherished daughters; and

1 WHEREAS, Michael Grant would have turned 46 years old on May
2 23, 2009, a day that will forever hold special meaning for those
3 closest to him; although his many friends and loved ones have
4 experienced tremendous grief in the wake of his death, they may take
5 comfort in knowing that he embraced life to the fullest and brought
6 immeasurable joy to countless people during his years on this
7 earth; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Michael Grant and extend
10 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his daughters,
11 Jana Ramsey Grant and Kate Grant; to his father, Garnett Grant; to
12 his brother, Shelton Grant; to his sister, Kathy Grant; to his
13 companion, Cheri Lock Tull; and to all who mourn his passing; and,
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
18 Michael Grant.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 78 was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 78 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor