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S.C.R. No. 78

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27           WHEREAS, Michael Grant would have turned 46 years old on May

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

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

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