

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 895

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes special pride in recognizing the family of Hunter Mason Browning on their generous spirit and on their gift of life to others; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Mason Browning was an energetic and active blond and blue-eyed eight-year-old boy, whose love of life and open affection for people and animals were a source of great joy to family and friends and whose engaging personality endeared him to all who were privileged to know him; although his life was cut short, Hunter and his family were fortunate to have shared many treasured experiences; Hunter loved the outdoors, excelled at baseball, had an exceptionally close relationship with his brothers, Austin and Matt, and brought happiness to others with his ever-present smile; and

WHEREAS, When Hunter was in an all-terrain vehicle accident at the family ranch on July 18, 2007, Hunter's brother Austin reacted with quick thinking and with the decisiveness of a professional first responder, running barefoot for a mile to seek immediate help; though Hunter's life was not spared, Austin's heroic actions resulted in saving the lives of four people who became the transplant recipients of his brother's organs; and

WHEREAS, Austin's speed in procuring emergency assistance enabled Hunter to give the gift of life to others and enabled his parents, Cheryl and Art Browning, to participate in saving those lives by choosing the path of organ donation; due to their courageous decision, Hunter lives on in the renewed lives of the recipients and their families; and

WHEREAS, The donor and recipient families now share a deep bond and members of both are aware of the unique union and the feelings of joy that organ donation can bring to participating families; Hunter's family and the families of donors across our state are to be commended for their brave spirit and their gift of life to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby celebrate the life of Hunter Mason Browning and commend his family on their courage in taking the life-saving steps they felt Hunter would have wanted and on their subsequent advocacy of organ donor programs in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 19, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate