

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Indelible memories of an exuberant and engaging  
2 young man remain to comfort the family and many friends of Drennen  
3 Peter O'Melia, who passed away on June 6, 2010, at the age of 12; and

4           WHEREAS, The beloved son of Bill and Melissa O'Melia, Drennen  
5 O'Melia was born on August 13, 1997, in Gillette, Wyoming, and moved  
6 with his family to Centennial, Colorado, two years later; he  
7 attended Powell Middle School, where he participated in the gifted  
8 and talented program and was quarterback of the football team; a  
9 natural athlete, he excelled in a number of other sports as well;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Drennen helped the Southglenn Country Club Gators  
12 Swim Team break a record for the boys' 200 freestyle relay at the  
13 Mountain Hi Swim League Championships in 2009 and qualified as a  
14 Gator All-Star two years in a row; in addition, he shot par on the  
15 country club golf course, came in sixth in his age group in the  
16 5-Kilometer High Line Canal Run, and enjoyed snowboarding and  
17 basketball; and

18           WHEREAS, Friendly, open, and inquisitive, Drennen endeared  
19 himself to many with his ever-present smile and irrepressible good  
20 humor; his wide circle of friends encompassed all ages, and he was  
21 adored not only by his younger siblings, Sean and Quinn, but also by  
22 his longtime buddies, who delighted in his sense of mischief and  
23 fun-loving nature; in early boyhood, he stepped in to end the  
24 bullying of a younger child, and through the years, his teachers and

1 coaches came to admire his ability to guide and inspire; he was  
2 chosen to take part in a Junior National Young Leaders conference in  
3 Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, Fascinated with trivia, Drennen amazed others with  
5 his vast knowledge of obscure facts; he was a fan of 1980s rock  
6 music and University of Wyoming sports teams, and he relished time  
7 with his family at their cabin in his home state; he was also active  
8 in the youth group at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and sang in the  
9 choir; and

10 WHEREAS, Drennen O'Melia's untimely death has brought an  
11 immeasurable loss to his loved ones, who will forever carry him  
12 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Drennen Peter O'Melia  
15 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
16 parents, Bill and Melissa O'Melia; to his brothers, Quinn and Sean  
17 O'Melia; to his grandparents, Betty O'Melia and Larry and Sue  
18 McGarvin; to his great-grandmother, Vivian Stroud; and to his many  
19 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Drennen  
23 O'Melia.

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H.R. No. 1744

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1744 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 12, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House