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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.