

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of Keith Horner on September 3,
2 2010, at the age of 39, brought a profound loss to the family and
3 friends of this esteemed Texan; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Jimmie and Karen Horner, Keith Horner was
5 born in Amarillo in 1970 and lettered in football and track at
6 Amarillo High School; he was a member of Sigma Chi at Texas Tech
7 University and made many lasting friendships during his college
8 years; after graduating in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in
9 marketing, he became an account executive for Staples and resided
10 in Dallas but maintained his allegiance to Amarillo; he amused his
11 friends in the Metroplex by mischievously touting his favorite
12 hometown taco and pizza places as the pinnacle of fine dining; loyal
13 to his alma mater as well, he kept his nieces and nephew well
14 supplied with Texas Tech clothing and fan paraphernalia; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Horner was devoted to his family and shared a
16 wonderful bond with his younger brother, Todd; in their childhood,
17 he extended big-brotherly kindness to Todd's friends as well and
18 tried to set a good example for the smaller boys who looked up to
19 him; as the years went by, he became an adoring uncle to Averie,
20 Audrie, and Aiden and spent myriad happy hours in their company; his
21 empathy, enthusiasm, and sense of humor endeared him to numerous
22 friends, and his high energy level elevated any gathering; a true
23 sportsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, golfing, skiing,
24 and dirt biking, and even tried parasailing; naturally, he was the

1 first of his college buddies to bungee jump over the Guadalupe
2 River; he also created a signature two-footed shuffle dance that
3 others strove in vain to imitate; and

4 WHEREAS, While it is always too soon to say goodbye to a loved
5 one, Keith Horner left a host of joyful memories behind to be
6 forever treasured by those who were privileged to share in the
7 richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Keith Horner and
10 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 parents, Jimmie and Karen Horner; to his brother, Todd Horner, and
12 his wife, Lori; to his nephew, Aiden Horner; to his nieces, Averie
13 and Audrie Lane; to his grandmother, Arlene Mathews; and to his many
14 other relatives and friends; and, 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Keith
18 Horner.

Smithee

H.R. No. 2630

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2630 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 30, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House