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H.R. No. 2788

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, There are no words that can diminish the pain caused  
2 by a young life cut short, but all those who shared in the love and  
3 friendship of Connor James Lyons of Amarillo treasure their  
4 memories of this special young man, who died on May 8, 2011, at the  
5 age of 19; and

6           WHEREAS, The son of Rosario and Bill Lyons, Mr. Lyons was born  
7 in Amarillo on July 16, 1991; he was raised in Amarillo and Bushland  
8 and attended Tascosa High School and Amarillo College; a tremendous  
9 soccer fan, he began playing with the Amarillo Soccer Association  
10 and High Plains Drifters after his fourth birthday; he joined the  
11 Tascosa Rebels soccer team as a high school freshman, started at  
12 central midfield as a junior, and was named captain his senior year;  
13 in addition, he played indoor soccer with Kids, Inc., for many  
14 seasons; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Lyons was such a determined competitor that he  
16 once played a club match with a broken foot; after he began cancer  
17 treatments, he continued to attend every match he could;  
18 compassionate and wise beyond his years, he volunteered at Camp  
19 Alphie assisting children with cancer, and he was a lifelong member  
20 of Faith Baptist Church; his strong character and upbeat  
21 personality endeared him to a host of friends; and

22           WHEREAS, Although his time with us was far too brief, Connor  
23 Lyons brought great joy into the lives of innumerable people, and  
24 his faith and devotion will remain a source of profound inspiration

1 to those he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Connor James Lyons  
4 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
5 parents, Bill and Rosario Lyons; to his sister, Chriselda Reyes; to  
6 his nephew, Laken; to his grandparents, Carolyn and Terry Ahlborn  
7 and Eustacia Gabaldon; and to his many other relatives and friends;  
8 and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Connor  
12 James Lyons.