

By: Price

H.R. No. 138

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Benjamin Taylor Sharp graduated as the
2 valedictorian of the senior class of Borger High School on May 31,
3 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Earning the title of valedictorian requires not only
5 intellect and aptitude, but also four years of dedication to the
6 highest academic standards; to attain this coveted distinction,
7 Mr. Sharp demonstrated a thorough understanding of a wide range of
8 subjects, and the rewards of the countless hours he has devoted to
9 his studies are myriad; and

10 WHEREAS, The son of Les and Melanie Sharp, Mr. Sharp has
11 ranked at the top of his class during all four years of high school;
12 he has been a frequent and highly accomplished UIL competitor in
13 mathematics, calculator, literary criticism, and editorial
14 writing, winning first-place honors at multiple events in each
15 category; moreover, he was recognized as a National Merit Scholar
16 Commended Student in his senior year while concurrently serving as
17 president of the National Honor Society and student council; and

18 WHEREAS, This multitalented young man has further
19 distinguished himself as an all-around athlete; a mainstay on the
20 football team, he also played freshman and junior varsity
21 basketball, and he so excelled in baseball that he received the
22 Silver Slugger Award as the top offensive player; rounding out an
23 already impressive list of activities, he was a tenor in choir,
24 where he earned top honors in regional and statewide competitions,

1 and he played a leading role in the Borger High School musical
2 production of *My Fair Lady*; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to his many achievements as a scholar,
4 athlete, and performer, Mr. Sharp has found time to give back to
5 communities near and far; for three years, he volunteered in
6 inner-city neighborhoods as part of an initiative undertaken by
7 Houston's First Baptist Church, and he is a four-time participant
8 in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, a fund-raiser to fight global
9 hunger; an active congregant at Faith Covenant Church, he has
10 helped lead the youth group and shared his gifts as a vocalist,
11 guitarist, and keyboard player; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Sharp's truly outstanding efforts have won him a
13 host of awards, including a presidential scholarship to Texas Tech
14 University, where he plans to pursue degrees in economics and
15 English; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his academic career, Benjamin Sharp has
17 earned the respect and admiration of his teachers and classmates
18 alike, and his exceptional scholastic ability, hard work, and
19 commitment to excellence have opened the way to limitless
20 opportunities for this remarkable young Texan; now, therefore, be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Benjamin
24 Taylor Sharp, valedictorian of the Borger High School Class of
25 2013, and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success as
26 he begins the next exciting chapter of his life; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Sharp as an expression of high regard by the Texas
2 House of Representatives.