SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

In Memory of Christopher Earl Ullrich Linzza

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Campo in mourning the loss of Christopher Earl Ullrich "Hoss" Linzza, who died May 30, 2013, at the age of 48; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Linzza was born on February 10, 1965; he graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 1983 and went on to earn a degree from the University of Houston; an outstanding field athlete, he was passionate about history and his Scottish heritage and, as a young man, he participated in Scottish Highland Games across the country with his father; he was the 1985 recipient of the Dewar's White Label Award for Outstanding Achievement in Scottish Athletics; and

WHEREAS, He married Kristina Leigh Farley on December 18, 1993, and the couple was blessed with three children, Collin Ramsey, Harrison Wayne, and Shelby Faye Linzza; an avid genealogist, Mr. Linzza loved Texas history and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of history with his children; and

WHEREAS, Hoss, as he came to be known, had attained the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 1032, and while attending college, he worked at several scout camps; in 1996, he entered into a professional career with the Boy Scouts of America; he held positions in San Antonio, El Campo, and Knoxville, Tennessee, and he was deeply committed throughout his life to the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, He was active in a variety of organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1749, which named him Elk of the Year; he was a faithful member of Saint Philip the Apostle Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Christopher Earl Ullrich Linzza; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Christopher "Hoss" Linzza.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 14, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate