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H.R. No. 143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Shannon Thomas Seaton of Mineola on
2 July 17, 2013, at the age of 35, has profoundly saddened the many
3 people whose lives he touched; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of V. T. and Mary Kathryn Seaton, Shannon
5 Seaton was born in Tyler on November 9, 1977; he graduated from
6 Mineola High School, where he was a standout in the theater program
7 who, as part of an ensemble, competed four times at the state level;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Seaton returned to Mineola ISD's drama
10 department, where he was employed as a teacher; a gifted educator,
11 he treated everyone he encountered in his work with respect and
12 kindness and, in turn, was admired by students and colleagues
13 alike; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Seaton drew inspiration from his religious faith
15 and was an active congregant at First United Methodist Church in
16 Mineola; in addition to teaching Sunday school, he was an active
17 volunteer in the church's Christmas food and toy drive and had
18 recently returned from a mission trip with the United Methodist
19 Army; also involved in civic programs outside the church, he served
20 as the master of ceremonies for the Miss Mineola Pageant; and

21 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Seaton shared a
22 fulfilling marriage with his wife, Tabitha, an art teacher in
23 Mineola, and was a proud and caring father to his two daughters,
24 Maisy Elisabeth and Madelyn Grace; he endeavored to live his life

1 with integrity, and he was seen as a role model by many people; and

2 WHEREAS, Although his life ended far too soon, Shannon Seaton
3 leaves behind a legacy of morality and achievement that will long
4 inspire all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
7 of Shannon Thomas Seaton and extend sincere sympathy to the members
8 of his family: to his wife, Tabitha Seaton; to his daughters, Maisy
9 Elisabeth and Madelyn Grace Seaton; to his mother, Mary Kathryn
10 Seaton; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shannon
15 Thomas Seaton.