

By: Sheffield of Bell

H.R. No. 585

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 the family and friends of Travis  
3 Winfield Sampley of Austin will forever treasure their memories of  
4 this esteemed Texan, who passed away on November 1, 2011, at the age  
5 of 32; and

6           WHEREAS, Born on February 26, 1979, in Houston to Donald  
7 Howard Sampley and Gayle Galloway Sampley, Travis Sampley attended  
8 Oaks Elementary School, Atascocita Middle School, and Humble High  
9 School before graduating in 1997; he developed an interest in  
10 public affairs during his youth and was elected a senator while  
11 participating in the Texas Boys State program; a charter member of  
12 Atascocita United Methodist Church, he joined its Boy Scout troop  
13 and later became an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the  
14 Arrow, in addition to earning other honors; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Sampley went on to study at Southwestern  
16 University in Georgetown, where he belonged to the Xi Chapter of the  
17 Kappa Alpha Order and earned his bachelor's degree in 2001; and

18           WHEREAS, Pursuing a career in state government, Mr. Sampley  
19 joined the legislative community when he was hired as an  
20 administrative aide to Senator Kip Averitt, and he later worked as a  
21 legislative aide to Speaker Tom Craddick and as a committee clerk  
22 for the House Corrections and County Affairs Committees; at the  
23 time of his death, he was employed as the chief of staff for  
24 Representative Ralph Sheffield; he excelled in all of his

1 assignments, and his thorough knowledge of committee procedures and  
2 other aspects of the legislative process made him a valuable  
3 resource for elected officials and for his fellow staff members;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A generous and giving person, Mr. Sampley was always  
6 willing to help others with advice and encouragement, and he was  
7 known for his bright smile, fun-loving personality, and passion for  
8 music; and

9 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his work and to the people and  
10 interests he loved, Travis Sampley had a positive influence on the  
11 lives of many people, and he is deeply missed by all those who had  
12 the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Travis Winfield  
15 Sampley and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
16 his parents, Donald and Gayle Sampley; to his brother, Stuart  
17 Galloway Sampley, and his wife, Kelly, and their children, Murphy  
18 and Winfield; to his grandparents, Neal and Fran Galloway; and to  
19 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Travis  
23 Sampley.