

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Chad Rayshawn Bowden of  
2 Houston on March 7, 2013, at the age of 30, has brought great sorrow  
3 to his family and friends; and

4           WHEREAS, Chad Bowden was born in Pasadena on July 20, 1982, to  
5 Charles and Gwendolyn Bowden; after graduating from Furr High  
6 School, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Prairie View A&M  
7 University, where he was twice named to the dean's list, and a  
8 master's degree in education with a certification in mid-management  
9 from Lamar University; and

10           WHEREAS, While working at a printing company for a law firm,  
11 Mr. Bowden explained a problem so well to a colleague that he was  
12 asked if he had ever considered teaching; this event inspired him to  
13 pursue a career in education, which began in the Houston  
14 Independent School District with two years at Francis Scott Key  
15 Middle School; he then became a physical education teacher at  
16 Pleasantville Elementary, where many students affectionately  
17 referred to him as "Coach B"; and

18           WHEREAS, A devout Christian from an early age, Mr. Bowden  
19 sang in the youth choir and served on the usher board at Lane  
20 Tabernacle CME Church; he later joined Christian Tabernacle and  
21 served as a teacher of the church's open Bible study; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Bowden benefited his community as a volunteer at  
23 the Methodist Hospital as well as at numerous church and school  
24 events; in addition, he conducted basketball camps and served as a

1 mentor for local youths; and

2 WHEREAS, Although Chad Bowden's journey on this earth ended  
3 far too soon, memories of his kindness, compassion, and generosity  
4 will be forever treasured by all those who had the good fortune to  
5 know him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Chad Rayshawn Bowden  
8 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
9 parents, Charles and Gwen Bowden; to his grandparents, Willie and  
10 Mariah Bowden; to his aunts, Patricia Howard and Deborah Sanders;  
11 to his uncles, Willie Earl Bowden and his wife, Gayle, Gerald  
12 Bowden, Craig Bowden, and Tilford Sanders; to his godparents,  
13 Kenneth and Marsha Short; and to his other relatives and many  
14 friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chad  
18 Bowden.

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H.R. No. 1297

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1297 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 17, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House