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H.R. No. 1515

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely death of Folabi Akanbi of Pearland on  
2 February 27, 2013, at the age of 17, has brought great loss to the  
3 family and friends of this talented young student-athlete; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on April 27, 1995, to Bola and Lola Akanbi,  
5 Folabi Akanbi was a senior at Glenda Dawson High School, where he  
6 was admired for his successes both on the football field and in the  
7 classroom; an honor roll student, he took pride in his studies and  
8 had completed college course work in a number of subjects; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Akanbi was eager to do his best, no matter the  
10 endeavor; as a junior varsity player at Dawson, he impressed his  
11 coaches with his hard work and skill and went on to earn a place as  
12 starting tackle on the 24-4A district championship team; he soon  
13 drew the interest of college football programs and became one of the  
14 most sought-after recruits in the 2013 class; and

15           WHEREAS, In choosing where he would play at the collegiate  
16 level, Mr. Akanbi made his education the priority; he had recently  
17 signed a letter of intent for Montana State University and chose the  
18 school as much for its academic offerings as for its football  
19 program; he affirmed this in his recruiting profile, writing that  
20 if he did not get the opportunity to play football professionally  
21 one day, he would make a career for himself with his education; he  
22 planned to major in chemical engineering; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Akanbi effortlessly endeared himself to others  
24 with his ever-present smile and upbeat demeanor, and he left a

1 lasting impression on all who had the privilege to know him; he  
2 enjoyed the companionship of a host of friends, and he was supported  
3 and encouraged by his family; and

4 WHEREAS, While no words can diminish the sorrow caused by the  
5 sudden loss of such a promising young man, the loved ones of Folabi  
6 Akanbi may find peace and inspiration in remembering the many  
7 wonderful qualities that characterized his life; now, therefore, be  
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Folabi Akanbi and  
11 extend sincere sympathy to his parents, Dr. Bola Akanbi and Lola  
12 Akanbi, and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
13 further

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