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H.R. No. 1560

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Taylor's Gift Foundation is honoring the memory
2 of a vibrant young woman by working to further the cause of organ
3 donation; and

4 WHEREAS, Taylor Storch of Coppell, who passed away at the age
5 of 13, was the deeply beloved daughter of Todd and Tara Storch and
6 the treasured sister of Ryan and Peyton; a gifted student, she
7 played on the volleyball team and in the band at Coppell Middle
8 School East and was active in her church; this confident, energetic
9 teenager had a sprightly sense of humor and a keen ability to elicit
10 laughter and smiles from others; and

11 WHEREAS, On March 15, 2010, the Storch family was vacationing
12 in Colorado when Taylor was involved in a tragic skiing accident;
13 her parents decided to donate her organs in the hope that they might
14 help others, a choice that reflected the compassion and generosity
15 that defined their daughter; Taylor's organs have made an
16 extraordinary difference for five people in need, who now live full
17 and healthy lives; and

18 WHEREAS, Inspired by the restorative impact of the decision
19 to donate, the Storchs established the Taylor's Gift Foundation to
20 preserve Taylor's legacy and to encourage others to register to be
21 organ donors; the foundation's team has since taken its message to
22 various events and speaking engagements, and Todd and Tara Storch
23 have authored a book in which they share their story, along with
24 stories of four of the individuals whose lives their daughter

1 blessed; and

2 WHEREAS, While the passing of young Taylor Storch is a
3 profound loss to all who knew her, her spirit endures in the passion
4 and commitment of those who carry on the work of the Taylor's Gift
5 Foundation and who, by promoting a truly noble act, are channeling
6 grief into meaningful change; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize April 19, 2013, as Taylor Storch Day
9 at the State Capitol and commend the Storch family and all those
10 affiliated with the Taylor's Gift Foundation for their worthy
11 efforts to advance the cause of organ donation; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
13 for the Taylor's Gift Foundation and the Storch family as an
14 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.