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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of Garrett Cole Luce, who passed away on November 4, 2012,
3 at the age of 19; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on January 25, 1993, Garrett Luce
5 was the only son of Joe and Janell Luce; he attended Second Baptist
6 School and was active in numerous extracurricular pursuits,
7 including scouting, piano lessons, summer camp, and the church
8 choir; he also discovered a passion for baseball at an early age
9 while playing for the Katy Freeway All-Stars; and

10 WHEREAS, In middle school, Mr. Luce continued to hone his
11 talents as a team member of the Houston Slam and had the pleasure of
12 traveling to a game in Cooperstown, New York, where he hit the first
13 of many home runs; a skilled basketball player as well, he helped to
14 guide his school to a championship victory; proving himself a star
15 both in the stadium and on stage, this impressive young man
16 performed in the lead role of his school's production of *High School*
17 *Musical*; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Luce later advanced to the varsity baseball
19 team, playing catcher and serving as team captain in his senior
20 year; he continued to distinguish himself in myriad activities
21 outside the classroom, participating in Texas Boys State and
22 singing tenor in All-State Choir, in addition to applying himself
23 diligently to his studies; he was named an AP Scholar and an
24 Academic All-State Honoree, and he was selected as one of the

1 Outstanding Seniors of the class of 2011; and

2 WHEREAS, After graduating summa cum laude, Mr. Luce was
3 recruited to play baseball at the College of Charleston in South
4 Carolina; later transferring to Texas A&M University, he joined the
5 honors program of its school of business and was a Kappa Alpha
6 pledge; he devoted his summer to serving as a baseball coach and a
7 counselor at a youth camp, where he felt honored to be able to
8 provide spiritual mentorship to younger boys; and

9 WHEREAS, Supported by a loving family and sustained by a deep
10 faith, Garrett Luce had a kind and gentle nature and an infectious
11 smile that endeared him to countless others; although the loss of
12 such a promising young life brings immeasurable sorrow, those who
13 were blessed to know him will always carry him close to their
14 hearts; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Garrett Cole Luce
17 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
18 parents, Joe and Janell Luce; to his grandparents, Dr. C. Reginal
19 and Marian King and Anna V. Luce; to his nanny, Irlanda Reyes; and
20 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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