

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 those who shared in the love and  
3 friendship of Larry Edgar Jones of Spurger may find comfort in their  
4 memories of this special young man, who died on April 22, 2013, at  
5 the age of 18; and

6           WHEREAS, The son of Melissa Chance and Larry Jones, "L. J."  
7 Jones was born on April 1, 1995; he was a senior at Warren High  
8 School, where he was ranked in the top four of his class and was a  
9 member of the National Honor Society; in addition, he played in the  
10 band and participated in UIL solo and ensemble competition; he was  
11 also a UIL competitor in science and math, and he was planning to  
12 study chemical engineering at Texas A&M University; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Jones loved animals and was a member of the  
14 Future Farmers of America; he showed animals at the Houston  
15 Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Tyler County Fair, and the Southeast  
16 Texas State Fair, and he earned the affectionate nickname "the  
17 Squirrel Whisperer"; and

18           WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Jones attended Freedom  
19 Fellowship Church in Silsbee and was an active member of its youth  
20 group; he had a heart of gold and a wonderful sense of humor that  
21 brightened the lives of innumerable people; and

22           WHEREAS, Although his days were far too few, the kindness and  
23 compassion with which L. J. Jones lived his life will forever be  
24 remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him; now,

1 therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Larry "L. J." Jones  
4 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
5 parents, Missy and Daniel Nicholson; to his sisters, Jessica  
6 Nicholson and Jackie Jones; to his brothers, Matthew Nicholson and  
7 Chris Landers; to his grandparents, Joyce Elaine Philips and her  
8 husband, Roy, CoCo and Freddie Chance, and Heidi and Bob Nicholson;  
9 to his aunts and uncles, Naomi and Dale Chance, Pam and Robert  
10 Nicholson, and Shannon Simmons; and to his many other relatives and  
11 friends; and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
14 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
15 L. J. Jones.

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H.R. No. 1945

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1945 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 15, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House