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H.R. No. 2121

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the profound sorrow
2 felt at the tragic loss of Alex Taylor Olmsted of San Antonio, who
3 died on March 23, 2013, at the age of 18; and

4 WHEREAS, The cherished son of Matt Olmsted and Linda Garza,
5 Alex Olmsted was a senior at Jefferson High School; he was a proud
6 member of the Jefferson Mustangs football team, where his skill
7 combined with his formidable 6 feet, 3 inches, and 255 pounds made
8 him an effective offensive lineman, and he was an equally tenacious
9 competitor in track; and

10 WHEREAS, A standout in the classroom as well, Mr. Olmsted
11 placed among the top 10 graduating seniors at his school; he was a
12 member of the National Honor Society and a National Hispanic Merit
13 finalist, and he challenged himself in multiple advanced placement
14 courses; having spent the past summer working as an intern at a law
15 firm, he had dreams of attending Harvard University and someday
16 embarking on a legal career of his own; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Olmsted enjoyed close bonds with his family
18 members, including his older brother Matt, and was admired and
19 beloved by peers and teachers alike; he had a hearty sense of humor
20 and a fondness for nicknames, having assigned one to each of his
21 teammates on his football team, and was himself known as "Big
22 Country" in affectionate acknowledgement of his rural roots;
23 good-natured and kind, he was always ready to lend a hand or a
24 sympathetic ear to those in need; and

1 WHEREAS, Although the loss of a life so filled with promise
2 brings immeasurable heartache, those who were fortunate to know
3 Alex Olmsted will forever treasure their memories of this inspiring
4 young man and the passion, ambition, and generosity with which he
5 lived; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Alex Taylor Olmsted
8 and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and many friends; and,
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alex
13 Olmsted.