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H.R. No. 406

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness felt by the loved ones of Keith Everest
3 Friend of Grapevine, who passed away on November 8, 2014, at the age
4 of 48; and

5 WHEREAS, Born to Pat and Julie Friend on September 8, 1966,
6 Keith Friend graduated from L. D. Bell High School in Hurst and went
7 on to attend Texas State University in San Marcos; he married Lori,
8 his high school sweetheart, on July 8, 1989, and the couple settled
9 in Grapevine, where they raised their children, Amber and Andrew;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A longtime employee of IBM, Mr. Friend was also an
12 active volunteer scout leader and committee member with Boy Scout
13 Troop 905 in Colleyville, and he was a former den leader for Cub
14 Scout Pack 817 in Grapevine; he encouraged his young charges to
15 participate in all aspects of the Boy Scout life and motivated them
16 to set and achieve personal goals, and through his example, he
17 showed them how to be a caring friend and a dedicated leader; even
18 as he battled cancer during the last six and a half years of his
19 life, he maintained a positive attitude and continued to be
20 involved in scouting activities; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to his volunteer efforts with the Boy
22 Scouts, Mr. Friend enjoyed playing the guitar and sharing his
23 musical knowledge with beginning players; he also worked with the
24 youth at his church for many years, and he served as a compassionate

1 mentor to fellow cancer patients, lending them a sympathetic ear
2 and reminding them that they were not alone in their struggles; he
3 was unfailingly generous with his time, but most of all, he
4 treasured the moments he spent with his loved ones, whose days were
5 made brighter by his warmth, humor, and affection; and

6 WHEREAS, Although his days on this earth were far too few,
7 Keith Friend left an indelible mark in the lives of numerous others,
8 and his devotion to his family and to the youth of his community
9 will forever inspire all those who had the good fortune to know him;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Keith Everest
13 Friend and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
14 to his wife, Lori Friend; to his children, Amber and Andrew Friend;
15 to his parents, Julie Mason and Pat Friend; to his sister, Elaine
16 Christine Lincoln; and to his other relatives, his scout family,
17 and all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Keith
21 Friend.