

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

In Memory  
of  
Mark Daniel Johnson

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Mark Daniel Johnson, who died January 20, 2015, at the age of 47; and

**WHEREAS,** Mark Johnson was born on June 16, 1967, in Seattle, Washington, to Sue and Dan Johnson; he moved with his family to Waco at an early age, and he graduated from Richfield High School; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree from Babson College in Boston; and

**WHEREAS,** His beloved wife, Jocelyn Duncan Johnson, his daughter, Sophie Mason Johnson, and his stepdaughter, Mary Elizabeth Potts, were a source of much pride and joy to him; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Johnson was a dedicated entrepreneur whose innovative ideas and efforts had a positive impact on the growing field of education technology; he was a cofounder of Highwired, a pioneering online social network for high schools, and he was a founder of the National Transcript Center; he served as chief operating officer of ESP Solutions Group and as a vice president and general manager with Pearson; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Johnson was a devout Christian who practiced his faith in his daily life, and he was active with the Helping Hand Home for Children in Austin; he was an avid outdoorsman who introduced his children to the joys of hunting and fishing, and he loved traveling; and

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**WHEREAS,** A man of strength, generosity, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his courage in the face of his illness and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS,** He was a devoted son, brother, husband, and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Mark Daniel Johnson; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mark Daniel Johnson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 4, 2015, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate