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H.R. No. 23

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of W. Tucker Keene of Dallas on
2 June 9, 2017, at the age of 25, has brought a great loss to his
3 family and to his many friends and colleagues; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Massachusetts on May 16, 1992, to Will and
5 Cindy Keene, Tucker Keene grew up with the companionship of a
6 brother, Spencer; he went on to attend Southern Methodist
7 University in Dallas, where he served as president of the SMU
8 College Republicans and managing editor of the *Daily Campus*
9 newspaper; after graduating with a degree in political science, he
10 joined the Dallas Young Republicans, and he subsequently took a job
11 as a field intern working for Governor Greg Abbott's 2014 campaign;
12 he soon earned promotion to field staff and proved himself a
13 valuable asset to the campaign and to the Dallas GOP Victory Center;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, After the election, Mr. Keene relocated to Austin to
16 work for Delisi Communications, a consulting firm; in early 2016,
17 he took on a new challenge when he was hired as communications
18 director for the Republican Party of New Mexico; he continued to
19 make a name for himself in this role, impressing those around him
20 with his energy and enthusiasm and his unwavering commitment to the
21 party's mission; and

22 WHEREAS, An articulate and accomplished young man, Mr. Keene
23 was also known for being quick with a joke, and he counted good
24 food, good company, and craft beer among his greatest pleasures; in

1 addition to his friends and family, he enjoyed the companionship of
2 his beloved puppy, Sadie, whom he had recently welcomed into his
3 home; and

4 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Tucker Keene
5 will never forget his indomitable zest for life and his unwavering
6 drive to make a difference, and he will forever hold a special place
7 in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
10 of W. Tucker Keene and extend deepest condolences to all those who
11 mourn his passing; and, be it further

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