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H.R. No. 438

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of William Hunter Brannon of
2 Hallsville suffered an immeasurable loss with the tragic death of
3 this beloved young Texan on August 5, 2017, at the age of 17; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 18, 1999, in Longview, Will Brannon
5 was the son of Stan and Michelle Brannon, and he enjoyed a close
6 bond with his sister, Carolanne; a resident of Hallsville his
7 entire life, he was entering his senior year at Hallsville High
8 School, where he played the tuba in the Bobcat Band; taking on a
9 leadership role in the band, he had an affinity for both mentoring
10 and playing pranks on new members, and he had recently shared with
11 his bandmates his excitement when his tuba section beat out the
12 drumline in a marching competition for the first time in years;
13 after graduating, he planned to attend West Texas A&M University to
14 study history; and

15 WHEREAS, A hardworking and well-liked young man, Mr. Brannon
16 relished the outdoors, and he made many happy memories while
17 camping, hiking, and visiting Caddo Lake; he was an enthusiastic
18 and dedicated member of Boy Scout Troop No. 620 and had earned
19 membership in the prestigious Order of the Arrow; in 2016, he
20 received his Eagle Scout badge after constructing a dodgeball arena
21 for a local school for children with special needs; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Brannon deeply treasured the time he spent with
23 his family; he shared with them a love of history, Cardinals
24 baseball, and the Texas Aggies, and he delighted in going with them

1 to visit national parks and to see airshows featuring World War
2 II-era planes; and

3 WHEREAS, Although the loss of one so young and full of promise
4 is difficult to bear, Will Brannon leaves behind countless people
5 who admired and cherished him, and they will forever keep his memory
6 alive in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
9 William Hunter Brannon and extend sincere condolences to the
10 members of his family: to his parents, Stan and Michelle Brannon; to
11 his sister, Carolanne Brannon; to his grandparents, Marty and Linda
12 Salisbury, Don and Sharon Honolka, and Cathey Brannon; to his
13 great-grandmothers, Shirley Salisbury and Anna Merle Lang; and to
14 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Will
18 Brannon.