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H.R. No. 294

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic death of beloved teacher and coach Ryne
2 Erickson on September 11, 2016, at the age of 30, brought a profound
3 loss to his family, his friends, and his students and colleagues in
4 the Dumas Independent School District; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Amarillo on November 9, 1985, Ryne Erickson
6 was the son of Larry and Ruth Erickson; after graduating from
7 Randall High School, he went on to earn a teaching degree in history
8 from West Texas A&M University, and he was working on completing his
9 master's degree online from Norwich University at the time of his
10 passing; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Erickson served as head of the history
12 department and assistant cross country coach for Dumas ISD, where
13 he had been employed for nine years; he married a fellow teacher,
14 the former Jamie Barnard, on June 28, 2014, and their relationship
15 was a source of much happiness and fulfillment for him; and

16 WHEREAS, A man who consistently practiced his faith,
17 Mr. Erickson was kind, patient, and encouraging to all; in his
18 leisure time, he enjoyed having conversations about history and
19 politics, playing strategy games, and following his two favorite
20 teams, the Chicago Bulls and the Chicago Cubs; and

21 WHEREAS, Through the passion that he brought to his work and
22 the warmth and optimism with which he lived, Ryne Erickson made an
23 unforgettable impression on everyone who had the good fortune to
24 know him, and they will forever hold him close in their hearts; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ryne Erickson and
4 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
5 wife, Jamie Erickson; to his father, Larry Erickson, and his wife,
6 Kittye; to his siblings, Landry and Lance Erickson and Carolyn Park
7 Randall and her husband, Frank; to his mother-in-law, Janet
8 Barnard; to his sister-in-law, Julie Tefertiller, and her husband,
9 Dakota; to his grandparents, Jean Stevens, Irene Erickson, and
10 Herbert Boyd and his wife, Mary; and to his other relatives and
11 friends; 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 Ryne
15 Erickson.