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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt by
2 the loved ones of John Leonard Callan of Jacksboro, a remarkable
3 young man whose life was cut tragically short on November 26, 2016,
4 at the age of 17; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on February 2, 1999, in Fort Worth, Johnny
6 Callan was the son of Kerri LeDoux and Joe Callan and the brother of
7 Grant, Beau, and Alexis; he was a senior at Jacksboro High School,
8 where he served his peers as president of the FFA program and as
9 Area IV FFA president; he frequently showcased his talents in FFA
10 competitions, contributing to the National Champion Team in the
11 range evaluation event and placing in various other state FFA
12 contests; named a Ford Leadership Scholar at the state level, he
13 attended the National FFA Convention and numerous state conventions
14 as a voting delegate and won championship titles at livestock
15 market goat shows across Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, A gifted and hardworking student, Mr. Callan was
17 poised to graduate as valedictorian of the Class of 2017 at his
18 school; he served as president of the student council, and he also
19 found time to participate in a host of other extracurricular
20 groups, including the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, 4-H,
21 and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; dedicated to giving back
22 to his community as well, he designed, raised funds, and personally
23 met with city officials to facilitate the construction of a public
24 lake dock, and he helped plan "Operation Restoration," a campaign

1 to clean up houses for those who lacked the means to do so; fueled by
2 tremendous passion and drive in everything he did, he was also kind
3 and caring to everyone, and he even volunteered some of his spare
4 time, free of charge, to fellow students in need of tutoring; and

5 WHEREAS, Although it is immeasurably painful to say goodbye
6 to one so young and full of promise, Johnny Callan leaves behind
7 countless people who admired and cherished him, and they will
8 forever remember the joy and inspiration that he brought into their
9 lives; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Leonard Callan
12 and extend heartfelt condolences to all those who mourn his
13 passing; and, be it further

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