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H.R. No. 2112

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and passion drew to a close  
2 with the untimely passing of Justin B. Unruh of Austin on December  
3 27, 2016, at the age of 41; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Amarillo, Justin Unruh graduated from  
5 Tascosa High School and went on to become a die-hard Texas Longhorn;  
6 he spent much of his life working in Austin, where he was hired by  
7 State Representative Geanie Morrison in 1998 to run her first  
8 election campaign, and he went on to serve for 18 years as her chief  
9 of staff; hardworking and dedicated, he was driven by a love for his  
10 home state and its people, and he successfully oversaw the crafting  
11 and passage of legislation that continues to positively impact  
12 Texans across the state; in the course of his job, he treated  
13 everyone with respect and courtesy, no matter which side of the  
14 issues they took, and ultimately endeared himself to a multitude of  
15 people at the statehouse; and

16           WHEREAS, In his leisure hours, Mr. Unruh often went hunting  
17 and fishing, and the time that he spent with his friends on these  
18 excursions was always the most enjoyable and memorable part of the  
19 experience for him; he frequently served as the deer camp cook, and  
20 his signature dish of ribs and beans was considered to be without  
21 peer by all who tasted it; in addition, he avidly followed the UT  
22 football, basketball, and volleyball teams, and he was proud to  
23 have been one of the lucky fans who were present in Pasadena,  
24 California, to watch the Longhorns win the 2005 football national

1 championship; and

2           WHEREAS, Wherever he went, Mr. Unruh was seldom without his  
3 faithful dog, Guero, by his side; he was blessed with a loving  
4 family as well as a large circle of friends and colleagues, and he  
5 brightened their lives with his warmth, his wry sense of humor, and  
6 his contagious smile; and

7           WHEREAS, Although his death has brought tremendous sorrow,  
8 Justin Unruh made a profound and unforgettable impression on  
9 countless people, and they will forever find comfort in remembering  
10 the wonderful times they shared with him; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Justin B. Unruh and  
13 extend heartfelt condolences to all those who mourn his passing;  
14 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 Justin  
18 Unruh.