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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an admired public servant 3 with the untimely death of Dana Sean Shurtleff of Georgetown on July 4 30, 2016, at the age of 34; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth on May 26, 1982, Sean Shurtleff 6 was the son of Dana Charles Shurtleff and Paula Clark; he attended 7 Dallas Baptist University, where he met his future wife, Anna, and 8 went on to graduate from John Brown University with honors; in 2007, 9 he earned a master's degree in government with honors from Regent 10 University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shurtleff joined the Texas Sunset Advisory 11 12 Commission as a policy analyst in September 2009, and he was 13 involved in significant reviews of many state agencies, including the Public Utility Commission, Texas Commission on Environmental 14 15 Quality, Texas Lottery Commission, and Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services; he was project manager of the Sunset 16 review of the Office of Fire Fighters' Pension Commissioner, which 17 resulted in the abolishment of that office in 2013, and although the 18 process was at times contentious, he handled it with characteristic 19 professionalism and grace; most recently, he managed reviews of the 20 State Bar and the Board of Law Examiners, and even while battling 21 22 cancer, he continued to focus diligently on those projects; and

23 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the commission, 24 Mr. Shurtleff demonstrated a steadfast commitment to his

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responsibilities and to his coworkers, who especially admired his 1 2 dogged enthusiasm for making government work better; he was always thoughtful and supportive, whether stepping in to help with a 3 4 pressing assignment or lending a friendly hand with a car repair or a move; his infectious smile brightened the days of all he 5 encountered, and he maintained a remarkably positive attitude even 6 7 during his illness; he worried most about the impact his challenges would have on others, and his parting advice to his colleagues was 8 9 "Hang in there, stay the course, and be kind to one another"; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, Mr. Shurtleff shared a rewarding 11 11-year marriage with his wife, Anna, and he took great pride in his 12 son, William, and daughter, Elizabeth; sustained by an unwavering 13 faith, he was an active member of Grace Covenant Church in Austin; 14 in his leisure time, he avidly followed the Rangers and Cowboys, and 15 he loved science fiction, especially *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*, as 16 well as comic book heroes, particularly Superman; and

WHEREAS, Sean Shurtleff set an inspiring example through his generosity, compassion, and dedication to public service, and he is deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas 21 hereby pay tribute to the life of Dana Sean Shurtleff and extend 22 sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further 23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution 24 be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House 25 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of 26 27 Sean Shurtleff.

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President of the Senate Speaker of the House I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 53 was adopted by the Senate on April 20, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 53 was adopted by the House on May 4, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor