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S.C.R. No. 53

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Shurtleff joined the Texas Sunset Advisory
11 Commission as a policy analyst in September 2009, and he was
12 involved in significant reviews of many state agencies, including
13 the Public Utility Commission, Texas Commission on Environmental
14 Quality, Texas Lottery Commission, and Department of Assistive and
15 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 cancer, he continued to focus diligently on those projects; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with the commission,
23 Mr. Shurtleff demonstrated a steadfast commitment to his
24 responsibilities and to his coworkers, who especially admired his

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

9 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, Mr. Shurtleff shared a rewarding
10 11-year marriage with his wife, Anna, and he took great pride in his
11 son, William, and daughter, Elizabeth; sustained by an unwavering
12 faith, he was an active member of Grace Covenant Church in Austin;
13 in his leisure time, he avidly followed the Rangers and Cowboys, and
14 he loved science fiction, especially *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*, as
15 well as comic book heroes, particularly Superman; and

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

20 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 be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
26 Sean Shurtleff.