

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic passing of Jacob Brayden Harper of Fort
2 Worth on March 4, 2019, at the age of 12, has profoundly saddened
3 the many people whose lives he touched; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Hawaii on May 2, 2006, Jacob was the beloved
5 son of Melinda and Lucas Sawyer and John and Shannon Harper and the
6 brother of four siblings, John, Rylen, Luke, and Ellie; at two years
7 old, he was diagnosed with a degenerative disease known as
8 spinocerebellar ataxia; although his condition weakened over the
9 years, his spirit remained strong, and he found joy in a host of
10 interests, including dinosaurs and dragons; he also had a passion
11 for baseball, which he continued to play as a member of the Miracle
12 League, and he was an avid fan of the Texas Rangers; and

13 WHEREAS, Jacob cherished his family deeply, and he endeared
14 himself to his classmates at Aledo Middle School, where he was in
15 the seventh grade; he recently had the exciting experience of
16 traveling with his loved ones to see Disney World and Universal
17 Studios on a trip sponsored by the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, Although his journey on this earth ended far too
19 soon, Jacob Harper brightened the world for all around him, and time
20 will never dim their memories of the joy he brought into their
21 lives; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jacob Brayden Harper
24 and extend deepest condolences to his loved ones and those who join

1 them in mourning his passing; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jacob
5 Brayden Harper.

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H.R. No. 794

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 794 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 21, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House