RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Cole Easton Gordon of Friendswood passed away on 2 September 22, 2019, at the age of 17, and memories of this remarkable young man will forever endure in the hearts of those who 3 knew and loved him; and 4 5 WHEREAS, Cole Gordon was born in Friendswood on December 10, 2001, to Scott and Heather Gordon; he was attending Friendswood 6 7 High School, and he had plans to pursue an education in agribusiness 8 at Western Texas College in Snyder; an officer in the Friendswood 9 FFA program for the past three years, he enjoyed going to livestock shows and showing his own livestock all across the state; his skills 10 11 had earned him an array of ribbons, banners, and buckles, and he was 12 especially proud of having claimed two grand champion awards at the 2019 Galveston County Fair & Rodeo; for the past two summers, he had 13 14 also interned at the Lackey Livestock farm, where he made many good friends and fond memories; and 15 WHEREAS, From an early age, Cole Gordon had shown a passion 16 for community service, a trait that he had inherited from his 17 father; the pair began volunteering together with the Lighthouse 18 Charity Team when the younger Mr. Gordon was a small child, and over 19 20 time, he assumed greater responsibility in the organization and 21 began demonstrating his natural leadership abilities; in total, he played a role as a volunteer in nearly 750 charitable events, and he 22 23 received a multitude of titles from local police, fire, and EMS

departments in the course of his service; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Gordon also benefited the community through his 2 work with the Friendswood 4th of July Committee and his active 3 involvement with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Cookoff, the 4 Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Galveston; 5 he found additional time to serve as a coach in the Friendswood

6 Broncos youth football program and as a manager of the Friendswood

7 High School varsity football team; a young man of strong faith, he

8 was a member of Friendswood United Methodist Church, where he was

9 part of the Spirit Singers youth choir for over a decade; and

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10 WHEREAS, Although the passing of Cole Gordon brings an 11 immeasurable loss to his loved ones, they may find comfort in 12 remembering the exceptional life he led and the positive impact he 13 had on so many others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Cole Easton Gordon and extend heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cole Easton Gordon.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 226 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 18, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House