SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 226

In Memory of Christine Mae Blubaugh

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas recognizes the victims of teenage dating violence and honors the memory of the late Christine Mae Blubaugh of Grand Prairie, who tragically lost her life at the age of 16 as a result of dating violence; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 11 female and one in 14 male high school students report having experienced dating violence within the last year; 26 percent of women and 15 percent of men who have been victims of violence by an intimate partner, whether physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking, first experienced dating violence before the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, On March 25, 2000, Christine Blubaugh's life was taken as a result of dating violence, and for the past 21 years, her family and loved ones have tirelessly advocated the importance of educating young people about the warning signs and prevention of child abuse, family violence, and teen dating violence; and

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate is committed to the safety of the state's young citizens, and in recognition of the need for public awareness about the dangers and devastating consequences of teenage dating violence, the Texas Legislature designated February of 2021 as Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Christine Mae

Blubaugh and to all victims who have suffered as a result of teenage dating violence and encourage citizens throughout the state to help promote the awareness of this important issue; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in memory of Christine Blubaugh and in honor of the victims of teenage dating violence.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate