## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The tragic passing of Christopher Thomas Branham on
- 2 June 24, 2020, at the age of 26, brought an unimaginable loss to the
- 3 many people who loved and cherished him; and
- WHEREAS, The son of Jim and Conny Branham, Chris Branham was
- 5 born in Brunssum, the Netherlands, on October 14, 1993, and he grew
- 6 up with the companionship of his sister, Monica, who was also his
- 7 best friend; in 2002, he and his family moved to Round Rock; a
- 8 talented athlete, he excelled in baseball, football, and golf,
- 9 earning the opportunity to compete in numerous national
- 10 championships; he was a member of the Class of 2012 at Stony Point
- 11 High School, and he attended a trade school in Pembroke Pines,
- 12 Florida; and
- WHEREAS, At the age of 23, Mr. Branham distinguished himself
- 14 by becoming a small business owner; he married and experienced the
- 15 joy of becoming the father of two precious children, Aaliyah and
- 16 Jaden; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Branham's death inspired an outpouring of
- 18 support from the community at large; to celebrate his life, family
- 19 and friends established the Chris Branham Memorial Foundation, a
- 20 nonprofit that raises money for trade school scholarships, local
- 21 youth baseball organizations, and all-volunteer search and rescue
- 22 efforts; and
- WHEREAS, Chris Branham immeasurably enriched the lives of all
- 24 who had the good fortune to share in his love and friendship, and

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- 1 they will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore,
- 2 be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
- 5 of Christopher Thomas Branham and extend deepest condolences to all
- 6 who mourn his passing; and, be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chris
- 10 Branham.

Harris of Williamson

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 39 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on November 17, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House