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H.R. No. 114

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the passing of Chloe Madeline Childress of Houston, who was
3 tragically lost in the July 4, 2025, flooding in Kerr County; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Wendie and Matthew Childress, Chloe
5 Childress was born on October 3, 2006, and she enjoyed the
6 companionship of her brother, Jack; she was 18 years old at the time
7 of her passing; and

8 WHEREAS, A graduate of The Kinkaid School in Houston,
9 Ms. Childress was an exceptional student and a leader among her
10 peers; during her time in high school, she served as co-president of
11 the Honor Council, and she was a member of the Student Wellbeing
12 Advisory Board, Model United Nations, Psychology Club, One Love
13 Club, Young Alumni Committee, Kinkaid Young Life, the National
14 Chinese Honor Society, and the Leadership Honors Program; she
15 further distinguished herself as a dedicated athlete on the cross
16 country, cheerleading, lacrosse, and tennis teams; and

17 WHEREAS, Among her many achievements, Ms. Childress was
18 recognized through the Visual and Performing Arts Honors Program in
19 Photography, and she received multiple Scholastic Arts and Writing
20 Awards; she hoped to one day become a doctor, and she completed a
21 number of medical internships and attended the Vanderbilt Summer
22 Academy for gifted students; she was recently accepted to The
23 University of Texas at Austin, where she planned to follow a pre-med
24 track; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Childress was the founder of the Love Our Senior
2 Citizens Club at The Kinkaid School, and she further served her
3 community by volunteering with The Brookwood Community, the Houston
4 Food Bank, Memorial Park Conservatory, and the Leukemia and
5 Lymphoma Society; in addition, she attended Camp Mystic in Hunt for
6 10 consecutive years, and this past summer, she enthusiastically
7 returned to the camp as a counselor; she spent her final days there
8 caring for the young campers; and

9 WHEREAS, Chloe Childress set an inspiring example through the
10 passion, determination, and joyful spirit that she brought to her
11 every endeavor, and although tragedy has deprived the world of her
12 promise, she will forever hold a special place in the hearts of
13 those she leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
16 of Chloe Madeline Childress and extend heartfelt sympathy to the
17 members of her family: to her parents, Wendie Seale Childress and
18 Matthew Benton Childress; to her brother, John "Jack" Oxford
19 Childress; to her maternal grandparents, Joan and James Seale; to
20 her paternal grandparents, Cile and Chuck Childress; and to her
21 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chloe
25 Childress.