

House Resolution 783

By: Representative Franklin of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Gregory Charles Bennett, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Gregory Charles Bennett, Jr., of Cullman, Alabama, will be long remembered
3 by his wide circle of friends, fellow students, church members, and family as a treasured
4 young teenager who enjoyed life and loved to make people laugh; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Charlie was born on April 29, 1988, and was blessed with loving parents, Holly
6 and Greg Boatright, and a dear younger brother, John Taylor Boatright, with whom he shared
7 special times, family plans, and personal dreams; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he was a freshman at Fairview High School where he enjoyed many friendships
9 and was appreciated for his jovial nature; and he was involved in extracurricular activities
10 and was a valued member of the school's fine football and basketball teams; and
- 11 WHEREAS, in addition to his school related activities, Charlie was a regular member of the
12 Welti Baptist Church in Cullman and his deep religious faith and solid character reflected the
13 family values taught by his grandmother Shirley and her husband Marston Tuck of Smyrna,
14 Georgia, who were always a steady source of encouragement to him; and
- 15 WHEREAS, on April 13, 2003, Charlie was enjoying a beautiful Spring hike in the
16 woodlands near Cullman when he tragically suffered a fatal fall into a ravine; and the life of
17 this wonderful young man will be honored and cherished always by his family and friends.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body express regret at the loss of Gregory Charles Bennett, Jr., and
20 convey their heartfelt sympathy to the members of his beloved family at this time of great
21 personal loss.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Holly and Greg Boatright of
3 Cullman, Alabama, and to Shirley and Marston Tuck of Smyrna, Georgia.