



The State of Texas House of Representatives

H.R. No. 185

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Andrew David Beck, an outstanding student at The University of Texas at Arlington, died on January 25, 1989, and the tragic and untimely loss of this well-liked young Texan has deeply saddened his family and many friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beck had earned his undergraduate degree from the university in December 1988, and was starting his graduate studies program; and

WHEREAS, He also was an accomplished wheelchair athlete who overcame tremendous disabilities to become a leader and organizer of national wheelchair track and field competition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beck was a recipient of the Allan Saxe Academic Scholarship; while working toward his bachelor's degree in English, he attained a 3.33 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, His participation in wheelchair sports began when he came to The University of Texas at Arlington; and

WHEREAS, This admirable and determined individual first trained for the university's Freewheeler Track and Field Team, and eventually was named team captain; and

WHEREAS, A three-year letterman in his sport, he was a member of the Dallas Quad Rugby Team and of the National Record 4x100 Meter Relay Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beck also served on the Lone Star Team, a team of all-stars from the state that represents Texas in national competition; and

WHEREAS, He recognized how wheelchair sports had helped him develop strength, self-confidence, and the ability to pursue a productive and independent life; and

WHEREAS, Because he had achieved success, he worked hard to promote the establishment of athletic scholarships that would enable other young wheelchair-bound students to gain marketable degrees and participate in sports; and

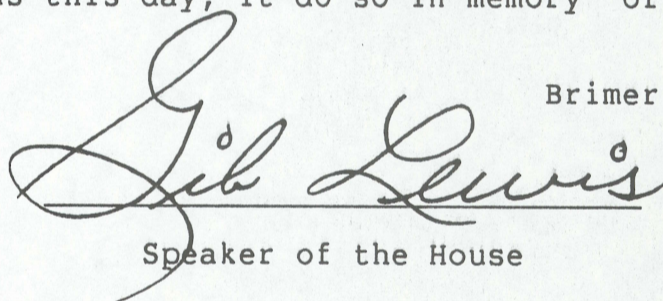
WHEREAS, It is indeed fitting that The University of Texas at Arlington has established the Andy Beck Wheelchair Athletic Scholarship fund in Mr. Beck's honor; and

WHEREAS; This exemplary young man was an inspiration to his many friends; his familiar presence on campus will be missed by the students and faculty of The University of Texas at Arlington; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 71st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby honor the life of Andrew David Beck and extend sympathy to the members of his family: to his father, Ira Beck of Mexico City, Mexico; to his brother, Peter Beck of Austin; to his sister, Samantha Nicoletti of New Jersey; to his former wife, Vicki Beck of California; and to his daughter, Robin Beck of California; and, be it further

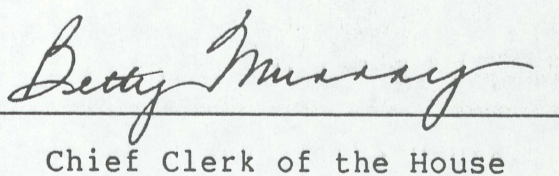
RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mr. Beck.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 185 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 2, 1989.




Chief Clerk of the House