

Tylers Story

Tyler Hill was a history buff who considered Dwight D. Eisenhower one of his biggest heroes. Tyler used to say that, because of his Type-I diabetes, he’d never get to serve in the military, but he could lend his generous hand by traveling as an ambassador of peace. One can imagine the excitement Ty and his family felt the day he received a letter saying he’d been nominated to do just that.

Unfortunately, all of the excitement soon turned to unbearable sadness, when Tyler’s life tragically ended at the age of 16...

Tyler’s family is pursuing legislation for the Traveling Youth's Standards of Safety bill (TY'S S.O.S.) to ensure safety protocols are in place to protect children. The Hills want to share their story about Tyler’s tragedy to help protect other students and raise awareness among parents about the need for safety standards for student ambassador programs and other similar travel programs.

On June 29, 2007, while on a trip to Tokyo, Japan, Tyler Hill passed away at the Japanese Red Cross Medical Center. According to hospital officials, Tyler’s death could have been prevented had he received immediate medical attention. The family filed a lawsuit with the Hennepin County Court in Minnesota on Jan. 28, 2008.

Judge Porter's order of June 10, 2009