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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The thousands of deaths caused by COVID-19 in Texas
2 have created a tremendous void in families, communities, and
3 workplaces throughout the state; among those who lost their lives
4 in the pandemic was Barry Deckard, a dedicated and well-respected
5 employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, who passed
6 away on November 15, 2020, at the age of 52; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Deckard worked at The University of Texas
8 Medical Branch Correctional Managed Care facility at the Hodge Unit
9 in Rusk and served as a mental health case manager in the
10 developmental disabilities program; a man of deep faith, he was an
11 active member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Nacogdoches; and

12 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Deckard enjoyed the love
13 and support of his wife, Kem, with whom he shared a rewarding
14 marriage that spanned 30 years; he was the proud father of four
15 children, Danielle, Casey, Courtney, and Steven, and he mentored
16 numerous other young people while coaching his children's softball
17 teams; an avid NASCAR fan, he also loved country and gospel music
18 and enjoyed barbecuing, fishing, and other outdoor activities;
19 highly respected by his coworkers, he was known for his kindness and
20 loyalty, as well as his willingness to help others; and

21 WHEREAS, Barry Deckard faithfully and ably performed his
22 duties throughout his tenure with the Texas Department of Criminal
23 Justice, and he will long be remembered with great admiration by all
24 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
3 Barry Deckard and extend deepest sympathy to his family, friends,
4 and colleagues; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Barry
8 Deckard.