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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 Kenneth Russell, a dedicated and well-respected
5 employee of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, who passed
6 away on December 2, 2020, at the age of 84; and

7 WHEREAS, Kenneth Russell joined the TDCJ at the age of 74 as a
8 maintenance supervisor at the Smith Unit in Lamesa; he was a loving
9 husband to his wife of 50 years, Patricia, and the proud father of
10 six children, Jeff, Kerry, Steven, John, Sandy, and Allen; working
11 well into his 80s, he outperformed many younger employees, and his
12 enthusiasm and diligence endeared him to the facility's staff and
13 its inmates; and

14 WHEREAS, Kenneth Russell faithfully and ably performed his
15 duties throughout his tenure with the Texas Department of Criminal
16 Justice, and he will long be remembered with great admiration by all
17 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
20 Kenneth Russell and extend deepest sympathy to his family, friends,
21 and colleagues; and, be it further

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

1 Russell.