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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in mourning the loss of Principal Chief Herbert G. Johnson Sr., who died August 9, 2021, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Beaver Clan, this beloved tribe leader served his people in numerous capacities throughout his life; he was a patient mentor and youth advocate, and he inspired others to joyfully uphold long-held tribal traditions and values; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Johnson was born on April 3, 1942, on the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas Indian Reservation near Livingston; he attended Jacksonville College, where he earned all-American status for his record-setting 1963 basketball season; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was twice elected to the Tribe Council, and he served as director of tribal security for 21 years; he was elected second chief of the tribe in 2013, and he stepped in as principal chief, the tribe's *Mikko Choba Skalaaba*, in 2020; the esteemed community leader also served as an elder at the Indian Presbyterian Church, and he was a member of the Big Sandy Independent School District School Board for 48 years; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Johnson guided the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas with strength, wisdom, and compassion, and he

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leaves behind a legacy of service and leadership that will inspire tribe members for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Herbert G. Johnson Sr.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mr. Herbert Johnson.