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H.R. No. 166

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Nacogdoches are mourning the loss of  
2 beloved former band leader Norman Glynn Wells, who passed away on  
3 February 3, 2021, at the age of 54; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Norman and Virgie Wells, Glynn Wells grew  
5 up in Lindale; he played in the band at Lindale High School and at  
6 Stephen F. Austin State University, where he earned both a  
7 bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in  
8 educational leadership; following a year in New Boston, he joined  
9 the Nacogdoches Independent School District in 1990; he led bands  
10 at Thomas J. Rusk Middle School for a decade and then became head  
11 director at Nacogdoches High School; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the course of 18 years, Mr. Wells guided the  
13 Golden Dragon band to 15 Sweepstakes, and the ensemble marched in  
14 the 2008 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California; he  
15 raised funds to take the group to Hawaii twice to perform at  
16 patriotic programs, including an appearance with the Royal Navy  
17 Band; an exceptional mentor and role model, he instilled strong  
18 discipline and encouraged students to develop self-confidence and  
19 resolve, as well as a fuller understanding of the power of music; he  
20 was stern when necessary, but his wonderful sense of humor made hard  
21 work enjoyable, and the success of his students was always his  
22 greatest joy; during many summers, he supervised swim lessons and  
23 lifeguards at the Maroney Park pool, and young employees there  
24 benefited by his example of effective, caring management; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Wells leaves to cherish his memory his mother,  
2 Virgie Wells, his sister, Melissa Wells, his aunt, Joy Brown, and a  
3 host of friends, colleagues, and former students; he is also  
4 survived by his treasured canine companion, Sassy, a border collie  
5 presented to him by his band when he retired in 2018; and

6           WHEREAS, Although Glynn Wells is sadly missed, the passage of  
7 time will only deepen appreciation for the important life lessons  
8 he taught, and he will forever hold a special place in the hearts of  
9 those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Norman Glynn Wells and  
12 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
13 further

14          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Norman  
17 Glynn Wells.