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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dewey Douglas Stockbridge of Alpine, a respected

biologist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, tragically

3 passed away on August 8, 2020, at the age of 36; and

4 WHEREAS, Dewey Stockbridge was born in Fredericksburg on

5 November 16, 1983, to Randy and Connie Stockbridge and was raised

6 with a sister, Leslie; he was an outstanding student and athlete at

7 Mason High School, where he graduated in 2002, and he went on to

8 obtain a wildlife and fisheries sciences degree at Texas A&M

9 University in 2006; and

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10 WHEREAS, Embarking on his career with the Texas Parks and

11 Wildlife Department in 2005, Mr. Stockbridge joined the Black Gap

12 Wildlife Management Area as a wildlife technician; passionate about

13 habitat restoration for the desert bighorn sheep of far West Texas,

14 he became deeply engaged in conservation efforts for the animals

15 and was promoted to wildlife biologist; eventually, he took on the

16 role of lead wildlife biologist for the Elephant Mountain Wildlife

17 Management Area, helping to return pronghorn and desert bighorn

18 sheep to their native range in the Trans-Pecos region; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Stockbridge contributed to his professional

20 community as a member of the Texas Wildlife Association, the Texas

21 Bighorn Society, the Desert Bighorn Council, and the Wild Sheep and

22 Mule Deer Foundations, among numerous other organizations; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Stockbridge enjoyed the

24 love and support of his wife, the former Shannon Staudt, and their

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- 1 children, Jameson and London; an avid hunter and angler, he passed
- 2 on his love of nature and the outdoors to his son and daughter; he
- 3 was also a valued member of the First United Methodist Church of
- 4 Mason; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Dewey Stockbridge was a significant asset to his
- 6 community and to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and his
- 7 commitment to conservation and wildlife restoration will be
- 8 remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dewey Douglas
- 11 Stockbridge and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
- 12 family: to his wife, Shannon Stockbridge; to his son, Jameson
- 13 Stockbridge; to his daughter, London Stockbridge; to his parents,
- 14 Randy and Connie Stockbridge; to his sister, Leslie Becker, and her
- 15 husband, Travis; to his niece, Aubrey Joy Becker; to his father- and
- 16 mother-in-law, Eddie and Peggy Staudt; and to his many other
- 17 relatives, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dewey
- 21 Stockbridge.