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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived remain to comfort the
- 2 family and friends of Edward K. Norfleet Jr. of Amarillo, who passed
- 3 away on January 7, 2021, at the age of 67; and
- WHEREAS, Eddy Norfleet was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on June
- 5 18, 1953, to Dr. Edward K. Norfleet and Eva Weldon Norfleet;
- 6 shortly after he was born, his father's career in medicine took the
- 7 family to Oklahoma, where he was raised along with a younger sister,
- 8 Pally; both of his parents served their country during World War II,
- 9 giving the younger Mr. Norfleet a lifelong admiration for members
- 10 of the military; and
- 11 WHEREAS, After graduating from high school in Tulsa,
- 12 Oklahoma, Mr. Norfleet enrolled at the University of Oklahoma,
- 13 where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1975 and a juris doctor
- 14 degree in 1978; he proudly pledged Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, and he
- 15 remained ardently loyal to his alma mater, and especially the
- 16 Sooners football team, throughout his life; and
- WHEREAS, With his law degree in hand, Mr. Norfleet moved from
- 18 Norman, Oklahoma, to Amarillo and began his career as in-house
- 19 counsel for a Fortune 500 oil and gas corporation; he acquired the
- 20 experience to later open his own private practice, where he
- 21 specialized in family law, oil and gas, and wills and probate for 24
- 22 years; he served on a number of local boards and commissions, and he
- 23 was the recipient of many awards that reflected the high regard in
- 24 which he was held by his professional peers; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Norfleet married Gina Bowers, his best
- 2 friend and the love of his life; the couple's blended family
- 3 included his two children, Keats and Nellie, and his two
- 4 stepchildren, Blake and Chris, whom he regarded as his own; he
- 5 enjoyed having the entire family together on holidays and
- 6 vacations, and he also deeply cherished his four granddaughters,
- 7 Parker, Price, Boston, and Emma; in addition to family, his faith
- 8 was a major pillar of his life, and he was known to pray regularly
- 9 for those in his circle of loved ones; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Eddy Norfleet was an esteemed member of his
- 11 profession, a devoted family man, and a dear friend, and he will
- 12 long be remembered with admiration and affection by those he leaves
- 13 behind; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Edward K. Norfleet Jr.
- 16 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
- 17 wife, Gina; to his sister, Pally; to his children, Keats Norfleet
- 18 and his wife, Malaise, Nellie Norfleet, Blake Bunnett and his wife,
- 19 Amanda, and Chris Bunnett; to his granddaughters, Parker and Price
- 20 Norfleet, Boston Bunnett, and Emma Bunnett; and to his other
- 21 relatives and friends; 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 Edward K.
- 25 Norfleet Jr.