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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of a beloved baseball player and a renowned  
2 cardiologist drew to a close with the passing of Robert William  
3 Brown of Fort Worth on March 25, 2021, at the age of 96; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of William and Myrtle Brown, Bobby Brown was  
5 born on October 25, 1924, in Seattle, and he grew up with a sister,  
6 Beverley; he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 and played  
7 college baseball at Stanford, UCLA, and Tulane while beginning his  
8 medical education as part of an officer training program; and

9           WHEREAS, Nicknamed "Golden Boy" for his blond hair and the  
10 large bonus he received when he signed to play for the New York  
11 Yankees, Mr. Brown made his major league debut in 1946; utilized  
12 largely as an infielder and a pinch hitter, he compiled a .300  
13 average in 1947 and 1948 but earned his greatest acclaim for his  
14 exceptional postseason play while helping the Yankees win four  
15 championships; in the 1947 World Series, he went three for three and  
16 delivered a crucial run-scoring double in the decisive Game 7; two  
17 years later, he tallied six hits in 12 at bats in the series, and in  
18 1950 he scored the only run in Game 1; in eight major league  
19 seasons, he tallied 452 hits, 237 runs batted in, and a lifetime  
20 batting average of .279; and

21           WHEREAS, During his years with the Yankees, Mr. Brown  
22 continued his studies at Tulane University, spending winters in  
23 class and often missing spring training; he received his medical  
24 degree in 1950 and left the team in the summer of 1952 for service in

1 the Korean War; he was a battalion surgeon near the front lines and  
2 later served at an Army hospital in Tokyo before being discharged in  
3 1954; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown briefly rejoined the Yankees that year but  
5 opted to give up his career as a ballplayer to train as a  
6 cardiologist; after completing his studies in 1958, he moved to  
7 Fort Worth to open a private practice; except for a sabbatical in  
8 1974, when he served as the interim president of the Texas Rangers,  
9 he worked as a doctor until 1984; he then returned to baseball in  
10 his role as president of the American League, holding that post  
11 until retiring in 1994; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown and his wife, Sara, shared a rewarding  
13 marriage that spanned six decades before she passed away in 2012;  
14 they were the parents of three children, Pete, Beverley, and  
15 Kaydee, and the family later grew to include 10 grandchildren,  
16 Geren, Robert, Jeffrey, Rebecca, Jack, Pete, Edward, Jayne, Sara,  
17 and Will, and 14 great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Revered for his outstanding play on the field and  
19 his dedicated service as a cardiologist and baseball executive,  
20 Bobby Brown lived a life that was rich in family, friends, and  
21 professional accomplishments, and he leaves behind a legacy that  
22 will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert William  
26 Brown and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family;  
27 and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bobby  
4 Brown.