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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Joseph Patrick  
2 Tillotson of Southlake were deeply saddened by his death on April  
3 22, 2021, at the age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, A seventh generation Texan, Joe Tillotson was born  
5 in Houston on June 11, 1967, to John and Sylvia Tillotson, and he  
6 grew up with four brothers, John, James, Jeffrey, and Jerome; after  
7 graduating from Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas, he was  
8 recruited to play basketball at Dartmouth College, where he  
9 received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1990; he went on to  
10 earn a master's degree in business administration from Southern  
11 Methodist University in 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1992, Mr. Tillotson began a long and rewarding  
13 career as an entrepreneur; he founded and cofounded a wide range of  
14 Dallas businesses, including restaurants, bars, and financial and  
15 real estate services; many of these businesses achieved great  
16 success, such as The Barley House, Katy Trail Ice House, Bandito's  
17 Tex-Mex Cantina, Redfield's Tavern, and DefeaseIt commercial loan  
18 services; an avid sports fan, he liked attending games with friends  
19 in his leisure time; and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Tillotson enjoyed the love  
21 and support of his wife, Katy, and he took great pride in their six  
22 children, Avi, Kennedy, Lauren, Amelia, Patrick, and Bullock; and

23 WHEREAS, Admired for his warmth and generosity, Joe Tillotson  
24 lived a life that was rich in personal and professional

1 achievements, and he will forever be a source of inspiration to  
2 those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Joseph Patrick Tillotson and  
5 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
6 Mary Katherine "Katy" Tillotson; to his children, Avi, Kennedy,  
7 Lauren, Amelia, Patrick, and Bullock; to his parents, John and  
8 Sylvia Tillotson; to his brothers, John and his wife, Andrea, James  
9 and his wife, Tracy, Jeffrey and his wife, Dara, and Jerome and his  
10 wife, Rebecca; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be  
11 it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe  
15 Tillotson.