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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The tragic death of George Perry Floyd Jr. on May 25,  
2 2020, at the age of 46, deeply saddened many people around the  
3 country and across the world, including his friends and loved ones  
4 in the State of Texas; and

5           WHEREAS, George Floyd was born in Fayetteville, North  
6 Carolina, on October 14, 1973, to George Perry and Larcenia Jones  
7 Floyd; when he was just an infant, his family moved to Houston,  
8 where he was raised in the Cuney Homes housing project in the Third  
9 Ward neighborhood; as an athletic young man who stood at 6 feet, 7  
10 inches tall, he emerged as a star football and basketball player at  
11 Jack Yates High School, where he was on the football team that  
12 competed for the 1992 state championship; and

13           WHEREAS, After graduating in 1993, Mr. Floyd studied at South  
14 Florida State College before returning to Texas and transferring to  
15 Texas A&M University-Kingsville; using the nickname "Big Floyd"  
16 that he had earned during his days as an athlete, he went on to  
17 collaborate as a freestyle rapper with DJ Screw, an influential  
18 figure in Houston's hip-hop scene; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd began a new chapter in his life when he  
20 moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and found work as a truck driver, a  
21 security guard, and a bouncer; as he had in Houston, he readily  
22 endeared himself to new friends in the city, where he was known as a  
23 gentle giant with a broad smile and a contagious sense of humor;  
24 despite his imposing stature, his genuine kindness shone through in

1 his words and actions, especially in the generous way that he  
2 supported those around him and encouraged them to reach their full  
3 potential; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd was the loving father of three children,  
5 Tangie, Gianna, and Tyson; he shared a rewarding relationship with  
6 his partner, Courteney Ross, and he enjoyed the affection of a large  
7 extended family; and

8 WHEREAS, Although nearly a year has passed since George  
9 Floyd's death shook the nation, he will forever be remembered not  
10 only for his profound role in the fight for social justice and  
11 change but also for uplifting countless people with his love and  
12 friendship; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of George Perry Floyd Jr.  
15 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and to all those who  
16 have mourned alongside them; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of George  
20 Floyd.