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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a beloved member of the University of
2 Texas sports community drew to a close with the passing of William
3 Lynn Little on August 18, 2023, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Winters on May 14, 1942, Bill Little was the
5 son of W. E. "Eddie" and Ida Little, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of his brother, Harvey; a Longhorn fan from an early
7 age, he went on to attend The University of Texas at Austin, where
8 he was sports editor of *The Daily Texan*; following his graduation in
9 1964, he worked at the *Austin American-Statesman* and in Oklahoma
10 City for the Associated Press; and

11 WHEREAS, At the age of 26, Mr. Little was hired by Longhorn
12 football coach Darrell K Royal to join the UT athletic department;
13 over the course of a decorated tenure that spanned more than 50
14 years, he served in a variety of capacities, including as sports
15 information director, assistant athletic director for external
16 communications, and head of communications for football coach Mack
17 Brown; a gifted storyteller in many mediums, he was an
18 award-winning columnist, the public address announcer at Texas
19 football games, the radio broadcaster for the baseball and men's
20 and women's basketball teams, and the author or co-author of nine
21 books about UT athletics; in 2014, the university's football and
22 baseball press boxes were both named in his honor; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Little was widely respected in the sports
24 information and journalism communities; he served his profession as

1 president of the College Sports Information Directors of America,
2 and the organization honored him with its Lifetime Achievement
3 Award in 2016; in all his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and support
4 of his wife of 45 years, Kim Scofield; he took great pride in his
5 three children, Bobby, David, and Elle, and his 10 grandchildren,
6 Justin, Ty, Cole, Sunny, Sam, Ashley, Sarah, Jacob, Luke, and
7 Courtney; and

8 WHEREAS, A true Longhorn legend, Bill Little was beloved for
9 his charm, his wisdom, and his generosity of spirit, and those who
10 were fortunate enough to know him will always remember him with
11 great affection and admiration; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
14 of William Lynn Little and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who
15 mourn his passing; and, be it further

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