By: Spiller H.R. No. 457

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Brownwood lost an esteemed civic leader 2 with the passing of Draco Miller on February 16, 2023, at the age of 3 60; and

WHEREAS, The son of Jodie Miller and Vivian Doris Powell, 4 5 Draco Miller was born on July 31, 1962, and he grew up with the companionship of three siblings, Jodie, LaJon, and Ilitha; he 6 7 demonstrated a strong work ethic from an early age, and shortly after graduating from Brownwood High School in 1980, he joined the 8 activities staff at Texas Youth Commission, where he worked for 10 9 years; he then took a position with Kohler before serving as a 10 11 crisis case worker for MHMR from 1991 to 1999; additionally, he was 12 the owner of several businesses, including Jus' Wings, Brownwood Classic Car Wash, and Draco's Janitorial and Auto Detailing, Inc., 13 14 which was named the 2019 Medium Business of the Year by the

Brownwood Chamber of Commerce; and 15 WHEREAS, A prominent figure in city government, Mr. Miller 16 joined the planning and zoning board in 2001, and in 2010 he was 17 elected to the Brownwood City Council, where he served for 13 years, 18 including 8 years as mayor pro-tempore; over the course of his 19 20 tenure, he played an instrumental role in a range of important 21 achievements, including the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza, the construction of such facilities as the Camp 22 23 Bowie Aquatic Center and the Senior Citizens Center, and the completion of vital improvements to city infrastructure; moreover, 24

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- 1 he was a member of a number of local boards, including those for the
- 2 Brown County Appraisal District, the Brownwood Education
- 3 Foundation, and the Center for Life Resources, and he was the
- 4 founder of the Revitalizing Our Community organization, which
- 5 helped to renovate Cecil Holman Park and the Bennie Houston
- 6 Recreation Center; in recognition of his outstanding service to his
- 7 fellow citizens, he was named the 2022 Man of the Year by the
- 8 Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller and his wife, the former Sonja Marie
- 10 Webb, shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 42 years; a caring
- 11 husband and father, he took great pride in his children, Mirris,
- 12 Natosha, Draco, Tiffany, and Symone, and he delighted in time spent
- 13 with his grandchildren, Nehemiah, Lyric, Londyn, Mirris, Amari,
- 14 Ayden, Daija, Dailyn, Harper, and Hudson; in all his endeavors, he
- 15 was guided by his strong Christian faith, and he was a member of
- 16 several churches over the course of his lifetime; and
- WHEREAS, Admired for his remarkable leadership, generosity,
- 18 and dedication to public service, Draco Miller leaves behind a
- 19 legacy that will resonate in the Brownwood community for many years
- 20 to come, and he will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of
- 21 all those who had the pleasure to share in his love and friendship;
- 22 now, therefore, be it
- 23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Draco Miller and
- 25 extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further
- 26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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- 1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Draco
- 2 Miller.