

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Cleburne lost an admired community  
2 leader with the passing of Marvin Ronald Layland on April 2, 2023,  
3 at the age of 78; and

4           WHEREAS, Ron Layland was born in Cleburne on August 18, 1944,  
5 to Daisy and Marvin Layland, and he grew up with the companionship  
6 of three siblings, William, Charles, and Mary; he attended  
7 Southwestern Junior College, Fort Worth College, and Tarrant County  
8 Junior College and earned associate's degrees in electronics and  
9 management; and

10           WHEREAS, A successful entrepreneur, Mr. Layland owned a  
11 number of businesses over the years, including Layland LP Gas  
12 Company in Cleburne, La Media Sportsman's Lodge in South Texas, and  
13 North Star Fishing Resort in Alaska, as well as El Caballo  
14 Bayo/Laylo's Lounge and La Posada De Creel Hotel in Mexico; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Layland also gave generously of his time and  
16 talents to numerous civic organizations and institutions, such as  
17 Meals on Wheels North Central Texas, the Cleburne Chamber of  
18 Commerce, Cleburne Community Education, the Layland Museum, and the  
19 Cleburne Railroad Museum; in addition, he was a dedicated member of  
20 the Cleburne Lions Club, where he served as president, spearheaded  
21 several community projects and fundraisers, and earned a perfect  
22 46-year attendance record; he was also highly active in Lions  
23 District 2-E2, the Lions Clubs of Texas, and Lions Clubs  
24 International; moreover, he was a valued member of Cleburne First

1 Seventh-day Adventist Church and served as head deacon; and

2 WHEREAS, In recognition of his many contributions,  
3 Mr. Layland was named Lion of the Year and Texas Lions Foundation  
4 Fellow, and he received the Founders Tribute Award, the  
5 International Leadership Award, and the Cleburne Chamber of  
6 Commerce Wall of Fame Award, among others; and

7 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Layland enjoyed the love  
8 and support of his wife, Mary Alice, and he took great pride in his  
9 children, Marty and Tina, as well as in his stepdaughter, Dawn, and  
10 his granddaughter, Kendra; and

11 WHEREAS, The life of Ron Layland stands as an outstanding  
12 example of civic engagement, and he leaves behind a record of  
13 service that will long be remembered; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Marvin Ronald Layland  
16 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be  
17 it further

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

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H.R. No. 1097

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1097 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 20, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House