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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of David Leos, who passed away on September 2, 2021, at the age of  
4 62; and

5           WHEREAS, The son of Faustino and Maria Leos, David Leos was  
6 born in Dallas on July 15, 1959; he was raised in Mesquite, and he  
7 grew up with the companionship of seven siblings; following his  
8 graduation from Bishop Lynch High School in 1977, he continued his  
9 education at The University of Texas at Arlington; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1981, Mr. Leos embarked on a four-decade career  
11 with the Dallas Fire-Rescue department, and he distinguished  
12 himself as one of the city's longest-serving Latino firefighters;  
13 he served on the front lines as a paramedic for 13 years, and along  
14 the way, he endeared himself to others in the department through his  
15 work as a driver engineer and cook; he earned a reputation for his  
16 easygoing demeanor and his ability to accomplish just about any  
17 task, and his colleagues collected many "Super Dave" stories  
18 through the years; and

19           WHEREAS, David Leos contracted COVID-19 while performing EMS  
20 duties, and he eventually succumbed to complications from the  
21 disease; he was the first active duty firefighter in Dallas to die  
22 from COVID-19 and was laid to rest with full honors from Dallas  
23 Fire-Rescue; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Leos and his wife, Darlene, shared a rewarding

1 marriage, and he was the proud father of two sons, David and Joseph,  
2 and six daughters, Tiffany, Karyn, Sarah, Helena, Liana, and  
3 Lauren; with the passing years, he experienced the joy of welcoming  
4 six grandchildren into his treasured family; he and his wife loved  
5 traveling, dancing, and participating in Zumba classes together,  
6 and he also enjoyed writing songs, playing the guitar, hunting, and  
7 fishing; known for his skills at the barbecue grill, he began  
8 entering competitions with Papa Leos BBQ, featuring his own secret  
9 sauce; moreover, he was a valued congregant of Lakepointe Church,  
10 and he turned to his faith for guidance in his life, particularly  
11 after fighting a difficult battle with leukemia; and

12         WHEREAS, Although David Leos is deeply missed, memories of  
13 his faith, his strength, and his devotion to his family remain to  
14 comfort and inspire those he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

15         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of David Leos and extend  
17 heartfelt condolences to his relatives and many friends; and, be it  
18 further

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