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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fans the world over are mourning the loss of music
2 superstar Tina Turner, who passed away on May 24, 2023, at the age
3 of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born Anna Mae Bullock on November 26, 1939, she grew
5 up in rural Nutbush, Tennessee, and nearby areas and later moved to
6 St. Louis, Missouri; there, she met R&B bandleader Ike Turner and
7 began singing with his group, the Kings of Rhythm, as a teenager;
8 when the group's main vocalist missed a recording session, she took
9 the lead on "A Fool in Love," and the song reached No. 2 on the
10 *Billboard* R&B chart; Mr. Turner gave her the catchier stage name of
11 Tina, and they married in 1962; her powerful, richly textured voice
12 fueled a number of R&B hits, while her frenetic dancing and volcanic
13 charisma made the act a big draw at "chitlin' circuit" venues across
14 the country; the Ike and Tina Turner Revue kept up a relentless
15 schedule, and tours with the Rolling Stones in 1966 and 1969
16 introduced them to a wider audience in Britain as well as the U.S.;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In 1966, Ms. Turner recorded the future classic
19 "River Deep, Mountain High" with legendary rock producer Phil
20 Spector and began to recognize she was an artist in her own right;
21 the Ike and Tina Turner Revue scored its biggest hit in 1971 with a
22 cover of the Credence Clearwater Revival song "Proud Mary," but Ike
23 Turner's abusive behavior and drug addiction exacted a toll
24 personally and professionally; Ms. Turner fled the marriage in 1976

1 and, for a time, was forced to live with friends in exchange for
2 cleaning their houses; determined to make a comeback, she toured
3 again with the Rolling Stones in 1981 and scored her first solo hit
4 with a cover of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together"; she was appearing
5 at a New York City nightclub two years later when David Bowie came
6 to see her, Capitol Records executives in tow, and they signed her
7 to a contract; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Turner's 1984 album *Private Dancer* became a
9 massive hit, yielding the No. 1 single "What's Love Got to Do With
10 It"; finally achieving international stardom in her mid-40s, she
11 remained one of the world's top concert draws for the next 25 years
12 and sold over 100 million records; she took on acting roles as well
13 and played a central part in the movie *Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome*,
14 for which she sang the soundtrack hit, "We Don't Need Another Hero
15 (Thunderdome)"; her 1986 memoir inspired the Oscar-nominated movie
16 *What's Love Got to Do With It*; in addition, she and her husband
17 Erwin Bach were executive producers of a Broadway hit based on her
18 life, *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical*; in 2005, she received a Kennedy
19 Center Honor, and she was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
20 twice, as both a member of the revue and a solo artist; she retired
21 from the stage in 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, A mesmerizing performer with a peerless voice, Tina
23 Turner inspired countless people with her indomitable spirit as
24 well as her immense talent, and her legacy will continue to resonate
25 in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Tina Turner and extend

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1 sincere condolences to all who mourn her passing; and, be it further
2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tina
5 Turner.