By: Middleton, Creighton

S.R. No. 487

RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The life of a dedicated public servant drew to a
- 2 close with the passing of Galveston County Commissioner Kenneth
- 3 David Clark of Algoa on May 8, 2022, at the age of 58; and
- WHEREAS, A native of Waukesha, Wisconsin, Ken Clark was born
- 5 to Dennis and Darlene Clark on May 21, 1963, and he grew up with the
- 6 companionship of three brothers, Kevin, Mike, and Mark; after
- 7 graduating from Random Lake High School, he earned an associate's
- 8 degree in applied science from San Jacinto College; he went on to
- 9 establish a desktop publishing and advertising company; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark served as a member of the board of
- 11 Municipal Utility District No. 6, and he worked as an aide to former
- 12 U.S. Representative Steve Stockman before joining the State
- 13 Republican Executive Committee; in 1998, he was elected to the
- 14 Galveston County Commissioners Court, and he ably represented
- 15 Precinct 4 for nearly two and a half decades; he was a tireless
- 16 advocate for improving infrastructure and lowering taxes, and under
- 17 his guidance, the county received a AAA bond rating; widely
- 18 respected by his peers, he was also a caring mentor to other public
- 19 officials; and
- WHEREAS, In addition to his work as county commissioner,
- 21 Mr. Clark served on the Houston-Galveston Area Council board of
- 22 directors for more than a decade, most recently as chair of the
- 23 Transportation Policy Council; he further distinguished himself as
- 24 a longtime member of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy

S.R. No. 487

- 1 Committee and the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership Political
- 2 Protocol Committee, and he was active in the National Rifle
- 3 Association; and
- WHEREAS, Blessed with a devoted family, Mr. Clark benefited
- 5 from the love and support of his wife, Sherry, with whom he shared a
- 6 fulfilling marriage that spanned 34 years; he took great pride in
- 7 their seven children, Sarah, Charity, Israel, Hannah, Samuel,
- 8 Rebekah, and Faith, and four grandchildren, Joseph, Alexis, Gunnar,
- 9 and Paisley; during his leisure hours, he enjoyed traveling with
- 10 his family, cheering on the Houston Astros and Green Bay Packers,
- 11 and watching Ultimate Fighting Championship bouts; moreover, he
- 12 raised horses and livestock, and he was involved with The Longhorn
- 13 Project, 4-H, and the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo; an avid
- 14 horticulturalist, he was also a member of the Galveston County
- 15 Master Gardener Association; and
- WHEREAS, Ken Clark made a lasting, positive difference in his
- 17 community through his many civic and professional contributions,
- 18 and he will forever be remembered with great admiration and
- 19 affection; now, therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
- 21 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kenneth David Clark and extend
- 22 heartfelt condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
- 23 further
- 24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
- 26 day, it do so in memory of Ken Clark.