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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed educator and wildlife
2 researcher drew to a close with the passing of Dr. William Peter
3 Kuvlesky Jr. of Kingsville on March 8, 2025, at the age of 67; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of William and Eileen Kuvlesky, Bill
5 Kuvlesky was born in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on April 11, 1957,
6 and he grew up in College Station with four siblings, Mike, Lisa,
7 Faith, and Andy; a graduate of A&M Consolidated High School, he
8 earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees in wildlife and fisheries
9 sciences from Texas A&M University and a master's degree in
10 wildlife ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; after
11 completing his studies in 1990, he worked as a wildlife ecologist
12 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and then as a wildlife
13 biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Buenos Aires
14 National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1999, he joined the faculty of Texas A&M
16 University-Kingsville as an assistant professor and research
17 scientist for the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute and
18 the Department of Animal and Wildlife Sciences, and he was later
19 promoted to associate professor; in 2006, he concurrently assumed
20 the role of interim assistant dean for the Dick and Mary Lewis
21 Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources before being
22 permanently appointed the following year; his tenure at the
23 university spanned more than a quarter century, and he
24 distinguished himself through his avian ecology research, his

1 authorship of research articles and books, and his mentorship of
2 countless students; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Kuvlesky enjoyed the love
4 and support of his wife of nearly 25 years, Vanessa, and his
5 daughter, Catelyn; he was known for his selflessness and sense of
6 humor, and he was passionate about animals; and

7 WHEREAS, While the passing of Bill Kuvlesky brings great
8 sadness to his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long
9 be treasured by all who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. William Peter
12 Kuvlesky Jr. and extend deepest condolences to the members of his
13 family: to his wife, Vanessa Kuvlesky; to his daughter, Catelyn
14 Fritz, and her husband, Landon; to his mother, Eileen Kuvlesky; to
15 his siblings, Lisa Bradway and her husband, Leon, Faith McConnell
16 and her husband, Pat, and Andy Kuvlesky and his wife, Karen; to his
17 sister-in-law, Jennifer Kuvlesky; and to his many other relatives
18 and friends; and, be it 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 Bill
22 Kuvlesky.