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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of William Patrick Tynan
2 of Lubbock were deeply saddened by his death on March 4, 2025, at
3 the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Isabel and Patrick Tynan, Bill Tynan was
5 born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 27, 1942, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of two brothers, Desmond and Gerald; he graduated
7 from St. Mary's High School in Somers, New York, and went on to earn
8 a degree in history and English from Siena College in Loudonville,
9 New York; answering his nation's call to duty, he was commissioned
10 as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1966, and he served in Vietnam
11 before commanding an Air Defense Artillery battery in Okinawa,
12 Japan; and

13 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life in 1972, Mr. Tynan
14 accepted a position at the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, where he
15 helped to connect veterans to jobs and served as a communications
16 manager and editor of the *El Paso Today* magazine; he joined Reese
17 Air Force Base the following year and oversaw the media activities
18 for the Crown Prince of Iran's flight training in Lubbock; he
19 remained with the base for more than two decades and rose to the
20 rank of chief of public affairs, and after its closure, he became
21 chief of media relations and internal information at Randolph Air
22 Force Base in San Antonio; he retired from civil service and
23 returned to Lubbock in 1999; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Tynan played an instrumental role in

1 establishing the Lubbock Emergency Communication District, and he
2 served on the agency's board of managers from 1986 to 2019; he was
3 also a founding board member of the Vietnam archive at Texas Tech
4 University as well as an active volunteer with the American Red
5 Cross; a lifelong sports enthusiast, he supported Texas Tech
6 University athletics and wrote for *Red Raider Sports* magazine and
7 the Associated Press; he was also a sports and oral historian for
8 the Southwest Collection; and

9 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Tynan enjoyed the love and
10 support of his wife, the former Mary Alice Brown, with whom he
11 shared a rewarding 54-year marriage; he took great pride in his
12 children, Patricia and Brendan, and grandchildren, Sloane and
13 Siobhan; and

14 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Bill Tynan will
15 remember the way he touched their lives with his warmth, wit, and
16 generosity, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their
17 hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
19 hereby pay tribute to the life of William Patrick Tynan and extend
20 sincere condolences to his family and many friends; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
24 day, it do so in memory of Bill Tynan.