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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A sudden illness took Alpine resident David Dale 2 Alloway on March 11, 2003, away from the family and friends he held 3 dear and the towering Davis Mountains and starkly rich landscapes 4 of the Chihuahuan Desert he loved; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Alloway worked as a cowboy, naturalist, and 6 guide; the skills gained in these pursuits and his refusal to be 7 bested by climactic and geographic extremes or hostile predators 8 led *Outside Magazine* to dub Mr. Alloway as "the nation's leading 9 desert survival instructor"; and

10 WHEREAS, The skill and expertise of Mr. Alloway's survival 11 abilities were demonstrated to the world; he was the first 12 non-Australian to complete "the Walk," a 200-kilometer survival 13 trek through the Pilbara Desert of Western Australia; and

WHEREAS, Sharing his knowledge with a passion for living and a keen sense of humor, Mr. Alloway was featured in numerous film documentaries, TV shows, and magazine and newspaper articles; he was also a published author with many magazine articles and one book, *Desert Survival Skills*, to his credit; and

WHEREAS, The owner and operator of David Alloway's Skills of Survival school, he bestowed the gift of hope through his vital training on clients that included the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army, the National Guard, the U.S. Customs Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, Outward Bound instructors, the National Park Service, Mexican and Australian park rangers, and the 10th Canadian to reach the summit

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1 of Mount Everest; and

2 WHEREAS, Those who grieve for this eternal cowboy hope that 3 his journey beyond this realm leads to abundant water, open ranges, 4 and starry skies; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of David Dale Alloway and 7 extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his two beloved sons, Ian 8 and Sean; to his father, Dale Alloway; to his brothers and 9 sisters-in-law, Dan and April Alloway and Stephen and Gloria 10 Alloway; and to the many people whose lives he touched; and, be it 11 further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1044 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House