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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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