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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Marvin Wayne Kelley of Austin, who passed away on April 12, 2009,
4 at the age of 55; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Cameron on October 31, 1953, to Harmon and
6 Shirley Kelley, Wayne Kelley was the youngest of five children;
7 growing up he enjoyed a variety of activities, including Little
8 League baseball, and attracted many friends with his honesty and
9 loyalty; moreover, he taught himself to play the bass guitar on a
10 broomstick and formed a band that played throughout Central Texas;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley graduated from C. H. Yoe High School in
13 1972 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business management
14 and economics from Prairie View A&M University; while in college,
15 he continued to hone his skills as a musician, and he founded
16 another group, Free Expression, that shared a bill with such
17 notable acts as Rufus & Chaka Khan, the Commodores, and the Ohio
18 Players; his passion for music never waned, and he continued to play
19 the bass as a longtime member of the Wesley United Methodist Church
20 choir; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley also distinguished himself as a dedicated
22 state employee for more than 30 years, during which time he worked
23 for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Department of
24 Agriculture, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission,

1 the office of the governor, and the Legislative Budget Board, where
2 he most recently served as a fiscal notes coordinator; and

3 WHEREAS, A devoted family man as well, this esteemed Texan
4 married his college sweetheart, Brenda, on December 18, 1976; the
5 couple were blessed with two sons, Marlon and Marvin, in whom Mr.
6 Kelley took great pride; he coached them in sports for more than a
7 decade and shared with them his enthusiasm for the Dallas Cowboys,
8 fishing, golf, tennis, cars, and high-tech devices; in addition to
9 his career and family responsibilities, Mr. Kelley demonstrated
10 concern for his fellow citizens as a board member of the Austin Area
11 Urban League; and

12 WHEREAS, Wayne Kelley built a life that was rich in love and
13 laughter, and although he will be deeply missed, memories of time
14 spent in his company will be forever cherished by all those who were
15 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Marvin Wayne Kelley
18 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
19 wife, Brenda Kelley; to his sons, Marlon Wayne Kelley and Marvin
20 Julian Kelley; to his sister, Constance Kelley Ward, and her
21 husband, Clifford; to his brothers, Dr. Harmon W. Kelley and his
22 wife, Harriett, Dr. Danny Kelley and his wife, Janice, and David
23 Kelley and his wife, Karen; and to his other relatives and many
24 friends; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Marvin

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1 Wayne Kelley.