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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of Edd Kellum Hendee on February 13, 2010,
2 at the age of 33, brought a great loss to his family and friends in
3 Houston and beyond; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on February 19, 1976, to Edd and Nina
5 Hendee, Edd Hendee grew up in Houston, where his father is a
6 well-known radio talk show host and the owner of the Taste of Texas
7 restaurant; the younger Mr. Hendee attended the Second Baptist
8 School in Houston and the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey; he
9 suffered a severe leg injury as a young man and was initially denied
10 acceptance to the United States Naval Academy, but through his
11 tireless efforts, he made a full recovery and went on to graduate
12 from the academy in 1999; and

13 WHEREAS, Continuing his education, he earned a master's
14 degree in English from George Mason University in Virginia and then
15 served five years in the U.S. Navy; a lieutenant on the USS *Denver*
16 during Operation Enduring Freedom, he led boarding teams onto
17 foreign vessels in search of Al Qaeda; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hendee subsequently received an MBA from Harvard
19 University and joined the Starwood Capital Group in Greenwich,
20 Connecticut, in 2006; he quickly rose to the position of vice
21 president of acquisitions, presiding over what was thought to be
22 the largest initial public offering of its day and one of the
23 largest real estate investment trusts in U.S. history; and

24 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Hendee enjoyed the love

1 and support of his wife, Claudine Moore Hendee, and their three
2 children, Campbell, Hudson, and Reagan; and

3 WHEREAS, A man of great spiritual strength, intellect, and
4 humor, Edd Hendee excelled in each new challenge he took on, whether
5 engaging in a complex business transaction or an Iron Man
6 triathlon; though his life was rich in accomplishments, he
7 considered his family to be his greatest achievement, and his
8 legacy lives on in the loved ones he leaves behind; now, therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Edd Kellum Hendee
12 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
13 wife, Claudine Moore Hendee; to his children, Campbell, Hudson, and
14 Reagan Hendee; to his parents, Edd Campbell Hendee and Nina Johnson
15 Hendee; to his sisters, Lisa Hendee Blackard and Kristin Hendee
16 Blackford; to his in-laws, Norma Jean Moore, Gary Lee Moore, Gena
17 Moore Rush, Gabriella Lee Moore, Chris Kirkland Blackard, Corbin
18 Blackford, and David Rush; and to his other relatives and friends;
19 and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Edd Kellum
23 Hendee.