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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately convey the immense sorrow
2 felt at the loss of Thomas Lee Hultgren of New Braunfels, who passed
3 away on February 14, 2013, at the age of 49; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Robert Karl Hultgren and Shirley Jean
5 Hultgren, "Tommy" Hultgren was born in Alamogordo, New Mexico, on
6 March 30, 1963; at the age of eight, he moved with his family to San
7 Antonio, where he grew up and established himself as a
8 tried-and-true Texan; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Hultgren, after attending North Texas State
10 University, developed a passion for photography while working for
11 the *Denton Record-Chronicle*; his gift for capturing people and
12 places was carried on throughout his life, with stints at the
13 *Kerrville Daily Times* and the *San Antonio Light* and eventually as a
14 freelance photographer for The Associated Press, the former
15 Southwestern Bell telephone company, and H-E-B; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Hultgren's photographs were beyond merely
17 artistic in nature; each snapshot embodied his perspective on life,
18 effortlessly capturing what seemed commonplace and turning it into
19 something special; his easygoing personality, paired with a
20 generous heart, helped people feel comfortable and at ease and
21 aided him in the preservation of countless perfect moments on film;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, He touched innumerable lives through his work and
24 impressed all those who came to know him with his concern for

1 others and his optimism; moreover, his love for others was also
2 evident from the great devotion he showed to his wife and children;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, While his life ended far too soon, Thomas Hultgren
5 brought abundant joy to his loved ones, and his legacy inspires all
6 who presume themselves ordinary to carry on in extraordinary
7 fashion; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Lee Hultgren
10 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
11 wife, Julie Jerome; to his mother, Shirley Hultgren; to his four
12 children: sons, Ethan and Ansen Hultgren, stepson, Teddy Crimmins,
13 and stepdaughter, Addie Crimmins; to his sisters, Susan Reyes and
14 her husband, Jesse, and Jo Anne Hultgren; to his brothers, Robert
15 Hultgren and his wife, Joyce, and Mike Hultgren and his wife,
16 Cheryl; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Thomas Lee
21 Hultgren.