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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness felt by the family and friends of
3 Kennedy Clay Roland of Lockhart, who passed away on January 21,
4 2015, at the age of 52; and

5 WHEREAS, Kenny Roland was born in St. John Colony on August
6 16, 1962, to Preston Roland Jr. and Joe Irene Roland; a gifted
7 athlete, he played on the varsity football, basketball, and track
8 teams at Lockhart High School; soon after graduation in 1980, he
9 joined Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, where he worked as a
10 journeyman lineman and construction crew supervisor during a career
11 that spanned nearly three and a half decades; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Roland became the first African
13 American to be elected to the Lockhart City Council; he served as
14 District 1 council member until 2010 and as at-large council member
15 from 2013 to 2015; dedicated to building a stronger community and
16 enriching the lives of his fellow residents, he founded the
17 District 1 Pride organization and in 2004, he played a key role in
18 coordinating the first annual MLK Parade in Lockhart; and

19 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Roland enjoyed the love
20 and support of his wife, Catherine, and he was adored by his
21 daughter, Kennedy; and

22 WHEREAS, While the life of Kennedy Clay Roland ended far too
23 soon, the generosity, integrity, and kindness with which he lived
24 will forever inspire all who had the good fortune to know him; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Kennedy Clay Roland
4 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
5 wife, Catherine Roland; to his daughter, Kennedy Cecelia Roland; to
6 his brothers, Harold, Clay, and James Roland; to his sisters,
7 Margie Thompson, Margaret Pansy and her husband, Wallace, Yvette
8 Manning and her husband, Carey, and Edna Roland; and to his other
9 relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kennedy
13 Clay Roland.