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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and generations of grateful
2 students will forever treasure their memories of noted educator
3 Waymon Bullock of Etoile, who passed away on November 26, 2014, at
4 the age of 78; and

5 WHEREAS, Waymon Bullock was born in Homer on May 27, 1936, to
6 Leamon and Carnie Bullock; a dedicated trombone student, he
7 graduated from Lufkin High School in 1954 and subsequently studied
8 music at Lamar University, during which time he started the Bridge
9 City Independent School District band program; he went on to earn a
10 master's degree and public school administration certification
11 from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

12 WHEREAS, After beginning his career as a music teacher in
13 Diboll and Dayton, Mr. Bullock joined the staff of the Lufkin
14 Independent School District in 1964; during his exemplary 22-year
15 tenure, he conducted the junior high band before leading the high
16 school band, which thrived under his direction; in addition to
17 representing Texas as an Honor Band at the 1982 Four States
18 Bandmasters' Association convention, the group competed in
19 national contests in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, Daytona
20 Beach, Florida, and Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and garnered 20
21 University Interscholastic League Sweepstakes Awards; Mr. Bullock
22 was widely regarded for the innovative military-style drills he
23 taught his students, and many of his signature techniques have
24 continued to be adopted by marching bands in the decades since; and

1 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from Lufkin ISD in 1987,
2 Mr. Bullock continued to serve as a mentor to many young band
3 directors, and he intermittently guided music programs in Garrison,
4 Huntington, and Hemphill during times of teacher shortages; in
5 addition, he taught brass methods classes at SFASU and gave
6 generously of his time and talents as a consultant, clinician, and
7 adjudicator in behalf of music programs in East Texas and
8 surrounding areas; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bullock further distinguished himself through
10 leadership roles in numerous professional organizations, serving
11 as president of the Texas Bandmasters Association, as chair of the
12 UIL Area Marching Band Contest, as executive secretary of UIL Music
13 Region 21, and as president and executive secretary of the National
14 Association of Military Marching Bands, which he helped charter in
15 1979; he was also a charter member of the Texas Music Adjudicators
16 Association and a member of the Texas Music Educators Association
17 and Phi Beta Mu, an honorary fraternity for band directors; and

18 WHEREAS, Earning well-deserved recognition for a lifetime of
19 outstanding work, this esteemed Texan was inducted into the SFASU,
20 Lamar University, and Phi Beta Mu, Alpha Chapter, Band Director
21 Halls of Fame, and he was presented with a Meritorious Achievement
22 Award by the Texas Bandmasters Association in 2000; and

23 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Bullock was the loving
24 husband of the former Kay Smith, with whom he shared a rewarding
25 union that spanned four and a half decades; over the years, they
26 became the parents of five children, Mike, Holly, Connie, Kelley,
27 and Melany, and they eventually knew the joy of welcoming 10

1 grandchildren into their family; and

2 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of
3 one person's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark
4 on the world as they move through it, and Waymon Bullock's
5 contributions to his students and profession will long resonate in
6 the lives of all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Waymon Bullock and
9 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
10 wife, Kay Bullock; to his children, Mike Bullock and his wife,
11 Lynne, Holly Dillahunty, Connie Shriver, and Kelley Moore and her
12 husband, Jimmy; to his brother, Leo Bullock, and his wife, Sandy; to
13 his grandchildren, Ryan Bullock and his wife, Lauren, Jonathan
14 Bullock and his wife, Maggie, Jacob and Jordon Dillahunty, Ethan,
15 Eric, and Emaleigh Shriver, Jebadiah Moore and his wife, Jamila
16 Benkhoud, and Kaci and Tucker Moore; and to his other relatives and
17 many friends; and, be it 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 Waymon
21 Bullock.