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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the 2 passing of Larry Frank Orlando of Pinehurst on April 11, 2015, at 3 the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Born in Houston on November 11, 1944, Larry Orlando developed a passion for sports at an early age through the Variety Boys' Club, where he participated in basketball, baseball, football, and boxing and earned his nickname of "Red Dog"; he went on to play football and baseball at Reagan High School and subsequently at Kilgore College; and

WHEREAS, In addition to enjoying a long and fulfilling career 10 11 at the Houston Service Center, Mr. Orlando dedicated himself to 12 guiding young athletes in his community; he became a football coach at the Variety Boys' Club and helped with other VBC activities, and 13 14 he coached at the Oaks Dads Club and the local YMCA as well; moreover, he was the sports announcer for Houston Christian High 15 16 School for more than three decades and a press box announcer for the Karl Young College Baseball League; he also brought joy to children 17 during his 25-year tenure as the official Santa Claus for the Texas 18 Children's Hospital; and 19

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Orlando was joined in marriage with the former 21 Angela Warren in 1965; over the years, the couple became the parents 22 of three children, Vick, Toni Dene', and Gina, who preceded her 23 father in death; with the passing years, the family grew to include 24 six grandchildren; and

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1 WHEREAS, Larry Orlando made a meaningful difference in the 2 lives of his loved ones and the numerous young people he mentored, 3 and his contributions will long be remembered by all who had the 4 good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Larry Frank Orlando and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his 7 8 wife, Angela Orlando; to his children, Vick Orlando and his wife, Melinda, and Toni Dene' Orlando Alverson; to his mother, Eula 9 Frances DuBroff; to his brother, Dr. Joe Orlando, and his wife, 10 Hope; to his sisters, Constance DuBroff, Carol Price, and Deborah 11 Pape and her husband, Glen; to his grandchildren, Lauren Orlando, 12 Tyler Orlando and his fiancée, Ellie Dabney, Taylor 13 Dene' 14 Orlando-Gulledge, Forrest Vaughn, and Tanner and Teagan Alverson; 15 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Larry Frank Orlando.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2754 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House