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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Father's Day on June 19, 2016,
2 provides an appropriate opportunity to reflect on the essence of
3 what it means to be a father; and

4 WHEREAS, The original Father's Day observance was held on
5 July 5, 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia, after the Monongah Mining
6 Disaster killed 250 fathers; a Father's Day celebration, mirroring
7 the event in West Virginia, was held in Spokane, Washington, in 1910
8 for a single father who raised his six children without a mother,
9 and it soon became a statewide tradition; this holiday was not
10 nationally recognized until 1966, when President Lyndon B. Johnson
11 issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers and
12 designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day; it became a
13 permanent national holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon
14 signed it into law; and

15 WHEREAS, A father fulfills the multifaceted responsibilities
16 of his vital role in the family; devoted fathers not only take on
17 the responsibilities that come with the title of father, but also
18 take on the responsibilities of being a role model, protector,
19 provider, and best friend; he must both nurture and discipline his
20 children, while also serving as their teacher; above all, he
21 strives to instill in his children faith, enduring values, and a
22 sure sense of right and wrong; and

23 WHEREAS, Fathers teach their sons what it means to be a man
24 and their daughters how a man should respect a lady, and encourage

1 their children never to settle for less than their dreams; these
2 indispensable values help shape the lives of future generations,
3 and in this way the selfless acts of fathers last forever; and

4 WHEREAS, Being a father means accepting the duty of molding
5 and shaping the next generation, and on Father's Day, we honor those
6 who have stepped forward and taken up this challenging yet
7 rewarding responsibility; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate Father's Day 2016 and honor the
10 caring men who have dedicated their lives to building strong
11 families and a bright future for those who follow in their
12 footsteps.