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H.R. No. 62

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Lubbock are mourning the loss of
2 admired restaurateur Dwayne Clanton, who passed away on July 15,
3 2017, at the age of 62; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Bettye Nelle Baker Clanton and Tommy John
5 "TJ" Clanton, Dwayne Clanton was born on December 20, 1954; he grew
6 up as the third of five children and adored his brother, Alvin, and
7 his sisters, Rebecca, Brenda, and Melinda; when he was only seven,
8 he began working at the family business, Tom and Bingo's Hickory Pit
9 Bar-B-Q, where he stood on a pickle bucket to chop onions; he also
10 helped out on the family farm, taking care of rabbits, exotic birds,
11 a large garden, and the feed store; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Clanton excelled as an athlete at Monterey High
13 School, playing on the football team and helping the baseball team
14 to capture its first state championship; in 2015, the team was
15 inducted into the Lubbock ISD Athletic Hall of Honor; he went on to
16 study horticulture at Texas Tech University but with 16 credits
17 left to complete, he decided to leave college to become pit master
18 for Tom and Bingo's; his tremendous work ethic helped the business
19 flourish, and he eventually took on ownership of the restaurant,
20 which was twice named one of the "50 Best Bar-B-Que Joints in Texas"
21 by *Texas Monthly* magazine; over the years, it received accolades
22 from many other publications as well, and his famous BBQ sauce,
23 which is sold in grocery stores, was a finalist in the 2015 H-E-B
24 Primo Picks Quest for Texas Best; and

1 WHEREAS, On August 12, 1989, Mr. Clanton married the love of
2 his life, the former Liz Lawson, and he became a devoted father to
3 her daughter, Heather; the couple later became the parents of
4 another treasured daughter, Kristi, and in 2015, their family grew
5 to include a granddaughter, Stella Ray; Mr. Clanton was an avid
6 outdoorsman and enjoyed skiing, fishing, boating, and hunting; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Dwayne Clanton is deeply missed, memories
8 of his warmth, kindness, and dedication to his family remain to
9 comfort and inspire those he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
12 Dwayne Clanton and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dwayne
17 Clanton.