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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and members of the drag racing  
2 community are mourning the loss of Charles Beal of San Diego,  
3 California, who passed away on July 13, 2017, at the age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in San Diego on February 6, 1943, to C. W. and  
5 Elsie Beal, Chuck Beal grew up with the companionship of his  
6 brother, Daniel, and his five sisters, Norma, Ann, Sandy, Lana, and  
7 Debbie; while attending Kearny High School, he met the love of his  
8 life, the former Karen Rushing, and they wed in 1962, two years  
9 after his graduation; they shared a rewarding marriage that spanned  
10 more than five decades, and their family grew to include two  
11 daughters, Kymi and Teri, three grandsons, Brandon, Tyson, and  
12 Dylan, and three great-granddaughters, Celine, Kate, and Claire;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, After holding a position for three years at Solar  
15 Turbines, Mr. Beal joined General Atomics, serving as fusion  
16 quality assurance manager and non-destructive testing specialist  
17 in the nuclear research and development division; toward the end of  
18 his career, he worked on the GA electromagnetic aircraft launch  
19 system, and he retired in 2014 after nearly half a century with the  
20 company; and

21 WHEREAS, Devoted to the sport of drag racing, Mr. Beal began  
22 competing as a driver in 1966 in both front- and rear-engine  
23 dragsters, and in the late 1970s, he switched to alcohol funny cars,  
24 winning the Winternationals championships in 1982 and 1983 and

1 making a name for himself on the West Coast racing scene as a  
2 successful match racer; in the 1990s, he started racing nitro funny  
3 cars; and

4 WHEREAS, This veteran driver's cars were known for their  
5 bright orange, gold, and blue color schemes and their unique  
6 nicknames, such as "Bealmobile" and "Goldie"; the founder and owner  
7 of Chuck Beal Racing, Mr. Beal helped launch the racing career of  
8 his grandson, Brandon Welch, and served as his crew chief during the  
9 National Hot Rod Association's Mello Yello Drag Racing circuit in  
10 2016; and

11 WHEREAS, A loving husband, a devoted father and grandfather,  
12 and a highly regarded competitor in the racing world, Chuck Beal  
13 lived a full and generous life, and the memory of his energy,  
14 warmth, and enthusiasm will continue to inspire all those who had  
15 the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
18 of Charles Beal and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many  
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chuck Beal.