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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life filled with meaningful achievements ended far
2 too soon with the passing of James Edward Vasek of Austin on May 29,
3 2017, at the age of 48; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 30, 1968, in Spokane, Washington,
5 Jim Vasek was the son of Edward James Vasek Jr. and Mary Manno
6 Vasek; he graduated as valedictorian of his class at La Grange High
7 School and went on to receive his bachelor's degree in physics from
8 Rice University before earning two master's degrees in physics and
9 material science from the University of Wisconsin--Madison; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Vasek built a successful 23-year career in
11 engineering with tenures at Motorola, Freescale Semiconductor, and
12 NXP Semiconductors; along the way, he maintained an active
13 lifestyle, which included mountain biking and completing many
14 marathons, half-marathons, and triathlons; in his free time, he
15 also enjoyed astronomy and volunteered extensively with Texas 4000
16 for Cancer, Head for the Cure, Sunshine Camps of Austin, and Rice
17 Engineering Alumni; and

18 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Vasek cherished his wife
19 of 21 years, Heather, and their children, Jenna and Dylan; he was
20 known for going out of his way to make others smile, and he enjoyed
21 planning parties and celebrating the achievements of those around
22 him; in turn, he was comforted by the support of his loved ones and
23 colleagues while fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer,
24 and he inspired them with the optimism, good humor, and spirit that

1 he demonstrated during that trying time; and

2 WHEREAS, A man of impressive intellect and boundless zest for
3 life, Jim Vasek will be greatly missed, and he will forever be
4 remembered with deepest affection and admiration by those who held
5 him dear; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
8 of James Edward Vasek and extend heartfelt condolences to all who
9 mourn his passing; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim Vasek.