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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of George Dawson of Dallas on July 26, 2017, at the age of
3 96; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Scottish immigrants, George Dawson was
5 born in Brooklyn, New York, on April 29, 1921, to George and Mary
6 Dawson; as a young man, he raised homing pigeons on the roof of his
7 apartment building and learned to play the violin, the piano, and
8 the trumpet, marking the beginning of his lifelong passion for
9 music; shortly after graduating from high school, he married the
10 former Gertrude Becker, and he became the proud father of a
11 daughter, Diane; and

12 WHEREAS, During World War II, Mr. Dawson served in the U.S.
13 Army as a trumpeter in a USO dance band, and after the war, he
14 studied music at North Texas State University; he went on to enjoy a
15 rewarding career as a bass player for the Dallas Symphony
16 Orchestra, and in the off-season, he performed with several bands
17 and taught classes on such varied topics as music appreciation,
18 ballroom dancing, and fencing; and

19 WHEREAS, On October 31, 1952, Mr. Dawson wed his second wife,
20 the former Kim Garrett; they shared 57 years of marriage before her
21 passing in 2010, and they became the loving parents of three
22 children, Kim, Lisa, and George; while continuing to perform with
23 the symphony, Mr. Dawson became interested in photography and
24 established himself as a successful commercial and fashion

1 photographer, taking part in shoots at locations around the world,
2 including Kenya, Thailand, Peru, Greece, and Ireland; after
3 retiring from photography in 1982, he went to work managing his
4 wife's modeling and talent business, the Kim Dawson Agency; and

5 WHEREAS, A man of many interests, Mr. Dawson was an avid
6 tennis player and an art collector, and he counted studying French,
7 attending the opera, and traveling with Mrs. Dawson among his
8 favorite pursuits; he especially delighted in the time he spent
9 with his grandchildren, Chris, Dana, Taylor, Lauren, Anna,
10 Kimberly, and Aidan, and his great-grandchildren, Guerin and
11 Dawson; and

12 WHEREAS, Admired for his kindness, his generosity, and his
13 devotion to his family, George Dawson lived life to the fullest, and
14 the wonderful memories he leaves behind will long inspire all who
15 had 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 life of
18 George Dawson and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and
19 many 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 George
23 Dawson.