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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, American popular music has lost one of its greatest
2 stars with the death of guitarist and singer Glen Campbell on August
3 8, 2017, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Glen Travis Campbell was born in Billstown,
5 Arkansas, on April 22, 1936, to John and Carrie Campbell; one of 12
6 children in a family of sharecroppers, he learned to play the guitar
7 at the age of four, and he was playing professionally by the age of
8 15; and

9 WHEREAS, Early in his career, Mr. Campbell was a sought-after
10 session guitarist in Los Angeles, playing for artists as diverse as
11 Dean Martin, the Beach Boys, Merle Haggard, and the Ronettes, and
12 his guitar can be heard on such classic recordings as Frank
13 Sinatra's "Strangers in the Night," the Monkees' "I'm a Believer,"
14 and Elvis Presley's "Viva Las Vegas"; and

15 WHEREAS, By the late 1960s, Mr. Campbell's country charm,
16 boyish good looks, and warm tenor voice had propelled him to stardom
17 in his own right, performing such hits as "Gentle on My Mind,"
18 "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston," and "By the Time I Get to Phoenix,"
19 and from 1969 to 1972, he hosted a hit TV variety show, *The Glen
20 Campbell Goodtime Hour*; during these years, he also appeared as a
21 Texas Ranger in the classic John Wayne western, *True Grit*, and as a
22 Vietnam veteran turned singer in the film *Norwood*; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell went on to record more hits such as
24 "Rhinstone Cowboy," "Southern Nights," "Sunflower," and "Country

1 Boy"; over the course of a remarkable career that spanned half a
2 century, he recorded more than 70 albums and sold 45 million
3 records, including 12 gold records, 4 platinum records, and 1
4 double-platinum record; he won 10 Grammys, including 3 Grammy Hall
5 of Fame Awards and a Lifetime Achievement Award, and 10 Academy of
6 Country Music Awards; in 2005, he was inducted into the Country
7 Music Hall of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, Near the end of his life, Mr. Campbell waged a
9 courageous public battle with Alzheimer's disease, undertaking a
10 "Goodbye Tour" during which he performed with members of his family
11 before sold-out crowds; he won his final Grammy for the last song he
12 ever recorded, "I'm Not Gonna Miss You," which was also featured in
13 the 2014 documentary, *Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me*; and

14 WHEREAS, From the cotton fields of Arkansas to the recording
15 studios of Los Angeles to concert halls all around the world, Glen
16 Campbell won the respect of his peers and inspired generations of
17 younger performers with his musicianship and his talent, and the
18 mellow sound of his voice and the warmth of his personality will
19 remain forever gentle on the minds of his millions of fans; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
23 of Glen Campbell and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
24 family: to his wife, Kim Campbell; to his children, Debby, Kelli,
25 Travis, Kane, Dillon, Cal, Shannon, and Ashley; to his 10
26 grandchildren; and to his other relatives and his many friends and
27 fans; and, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Glen
4 Campbell.