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H.C.R. No. 95

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories  
2 of Richard Machowicz of Pearland, who passed away on January 2,  
3 2017, at the age of 51; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Detroit, Michigan, "Mack" Machowicz grew up  
5 in Florida, and after graduating from high school, he joined the  
6 United States Navy and served as an operational SEAL for 10 years;  
7 his military career included a deployment to Scotland, as well as  
8 assignments in Bosnia, the Arctic, and South Texas; among his  
9 numerous honors, this decorated veteran was awarded the Navy  
10 Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the  
11 Armed Forces Service Medal; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Machowicz studied various forms of martial arts  
13 for more than two decades, and following his military service, he  
14 created the Bukido Training System, which was designed to help  
15 women defend themselves; he also started his own motivational  
16 company, Not Dead Can't Quit, and in 2000, he wrote *Unleash the*  
17 *Warrior Within*, a self-help book that teaches readers how to  
18 achieve their goals; he later went on to work as a television host  
19 for such programs as the Discovery Channel's *Future Weapons*, Spike  
20 TV's *Deadliest Warrior*, and *Triggers: Weapons That Changed the*  
21 *World*, which aired on the Discovery and Military Channels; and

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Machowicz enjoyed the love  
23 and support of his wife, Amanda, and together, the couple raised  
24 their two beautiful daughters, Josephine and Valentina, in

1 Pearland; and

2           WHEREAS, Although Mr. Machowicz was diagnosed with stage IV  
3 glioblastoma in August 2015, he continued to find ways to help  
4 others; shortly before his death, he established the Texas Team  
5 Foundation, which raises funds for glioblastoma research and  
6 supports children who suffer from the disease; and

7           WHEREAS, Richard Machowicz led a life that was made rich  
8 through meaningful service to his fellow citizens, and he leaves  
9 behind a legacy of strength, determination, and kindness that will  
10 continue to inspire all those who had the good fortune to know him;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Machowicz and extend  
14 sincere condolences to the members of his family and to his friends;  
15 and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Legislature  
18 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mack Machowicz.