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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Michael
Gene Bryan of Keller, who passed away on January 25, 2017, at the
age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Mike Bryan was born in Coleman on June 27, 1945, to Dany and Glenda Jean Bryan; after graduating from Abilene High School, he attended Texas A&M University, where he was a distinguished member of the Corps of Cadets; and

8 WHEREAS, During his senior year, Mr. Bryan married his high 9 school sweetheart, Carole Herring; the couple became the proud 10 parents of three children, Matthew, Mark, and Michelle, and later 11 in life, their family grew to include seven grandchildren, Taylor, 12 Logan, Huston, Hogan, Peighton, Lanie, and Cameron; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Texas A&M, Mr. Bryan was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army; he began studies at Texas A&M toward a master's degree in business but was called to active military duty, first in the quartermaster branch and then as a company commander at Fort Carson, Colorado; he concluded his military service after two years at the rank of first lieutenant; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryan began his civilian career with Stewart and 21 Stevenson in 1970 as a district sales engineer in Odessa, and he 22 went on to hold the positions of sales manager and oil-field sales 23 manager in the company's Dallas office; in 1986, he started his own 24 business, M. G. Bryan Equipment Company, which prospered over the

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years, earning recognition in 2007 as one of the fastest-growing
businesses in North Texas from the *Dallas Business Journal* and the
Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryan was a member of the Masons and the Shriners, and he was also active in the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Texas A&M Association of Former Students, the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association, and the National Oil Equipment Manufacturers and Delegates Society; and

9 WHEREAS, A dedicated officer, a caring family man, and an 10 accomplished business leader, Mike Bryan lived a rich and 11 purposeful life surrounded by those he loved, and they will forever 12 carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Michael Gene Bryan and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael 20 Gene Bryan.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 494 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 2, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House