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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an ardent advocate for the  
2 study of its history with the passing of Sam Houston IV of Katy on  
3 March 10, 2017, at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Ruth Helen Nilson Houston and Sam Houston  
5 III, Sam Houston was born in Claremore, Oklahoma, on September 25,  
6 1931; he completed his bachelor's degree in history at the  
7 University of Houston and served his country during the Korean War  
8 as an infantry platoon leader in the United States Army;  
9 subsequently, he served in the Army Reserve for 16 years, attaining  
10 the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Houston enjoyed a long career in sales with U.S.  
12 Steel, but his passion was early Texas history; the great-grandson  
13 of General Sam Houston, he spoke frequently about our state's  
14 heritage to schools, civic groups, and other organizations; he was  
15 appointed to the Bicentennial Commission of the U.S. Constitution  
16 and the Sesquicentennial Commission of the Republic of Texas, and  
17 he served as president general of the Sons of the Republic of Texas  
18 and as knight commander of the Knights of San Jacinto; in 2010, he  
19 was commissioned as commanding general of the Texas Army; he also  
20 appeared in the Emmy Award-winning documentary *Sam Houston:  
21 American Statesman, Soldier, and Pioneer*; and

22           WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Houston received numerous  
23 accolades; he was one of nine men to receive the Lifetime  
24 Achievement Award from the Sons of the Republic over the

1 century-long history of that organization; in 2011, he was  
2 presented with the George Washington Award by the Paul Carrington  
3 Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; and

4 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Houston shared a  
5 fulfilling marriage with his wife, Virginia Rose Houston; he took  
6 great pride in his three children, Vicky, Steven, and Kevin, his  
7 three grandchildren, Sherry, Bridgett, and Scott, and seven  
8 great-grandchildren, Jessica, Chelsea, Patrick, Mackenzie, Nicole,  
9 Sophia, and Dylan; and

10 WHEREAS, Sam Houston helped countless people gain a greater  
11 understanding and appreciation of the history of the Lone Star  
12 State, and he will be remembered with great admiration and  
13 affection by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be  
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sam Houston IV and  
17 extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

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