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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the compassion and
- 2 kindness of Marc David Isenberg of Houston, who passed away on March
- 3 18, 2017, at the age of 68; and
- WHEREAS, Born in Houston on January 10, 1949, Marc Isenberg
- 5 was the eldest son of Nathan and Esther Isenberg; an Eagle Scout, he
- 6 grew up in Galena Park and Galveston and later moved to Austin,
- 7 where he earned his degree in psychology from The University of
- 8 Texas; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Isenberg graduated from the University of
- 10 Houston College of Law in May 1974 and went on to practice for years
- 11 as a litigator and insurance defense attorney, but he found his true
- 12 passion representing juveniles in the justice system; he believed
- 13 strongly that minors were entitled to the best defense he could
- 14 provide, and outside the courtroom, he volunteered his time as a
- 15 speaker at schools to help young people understand their legal
- 16 rights and the legal consequences of their conduct; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Also known for his passion for adventure,
- 18 Mr. Isenberg enjoyed traveling, scuba diving, fishing, cooking,
- 19 and learning to play the guitar, and some of his most exhilarating
- 20 experiences included hiking the Grand Canyon and skydiving; guided
- 21 by a strong sense of justice, he took a principled stand against
- 22 bullying and intolerance, and he modeled his oft-repeated maxim
- 23 that it costs nothing to be kind to people; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Beside him in all his endeavors was his wife and law

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- 1 partner, Miriam Riskind; he also earned the affection of many loyal
- 2 friends, whom he referred to as his "band of brothers," and the
- 3 support and encouragement that he received from his loved ones was a
- 4 blessing to him during his battle with pancreatic cancer, which he
- 5 faced with characteristic courage, determination, and dignity; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Throughout his rewarding and accomplished life,
- 7 Marc David Isenberg inspired others with his desire to make a
- 8 difference, and his memory will be forever cherished by his devoted
- 9 family and friends; now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Marc David Isenberg
- 12 and extend sincere condolences to all those who mourn his passing;
- 13 and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Marc David
- 17 Isenberg.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1252 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 27, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House