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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 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

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.