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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of admired
2 educator Mickey Darnell Lewis of Malakoff, who died on March 26,
3 2017, at the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Flonnie and James Lewis, Mickey Lewis was
5 born in Malakoff on June 15, 1944; he graduated from
6 Hamshire-Fannett High School and interrupted his college education
7 to enlist in the U.S. Air Force; during the Vietnam War, he was
8 stationed on Okinawa as a flight mechanic, and he went on to work as
9 a jet engine mechanic at Stewart Air Force Base in New York; he
10 subsequently returned to Stephen F. Austin State University to
11 complete both his bachelor's degree and his master's degree in
12 education; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis taught science at Crockett Intermediate
14 School for more than three decades; instilling a love of science and
15 nature in his students, he supplemented classroom instruction with
16 an annual camping trip, and many of his pupils considered him their
17 favorite teacher; he was also a special education teacher for
18 several years, serving in the Crockett and Palestine Independent
19 School Districts and in a remote Eskimo village, Akiachak, Alaska;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Lewis shared a fulfilling
22 marriage of more than a half century with his wife, Norma Patricia
23 Aubey Lewis, and he was the father of three treasured children,
24 Noralee, Audrey, and Brant; in later years, he took great pride in

1 his grandsons, Aaron, Jared, and Nathan Cravens and Gavin Lewis; he
2 enjoyed taking family camping trips to observe animals and plants
3 in the great outdoors, and he and his wife traveled to all 50
4 states, as well as to Mexico, Canada, Australia, and Europe; with
5 his eldest grandson, he harvested trees and built a log cabin, and
6 when he began growing sugarcane, he shared jars of homemade syrup
7 with friends, relatives, and fellow retired teachers; and

8 WHEREAS, Mickey Lewis enriched the lives of innumerable
9 people, and those who were fortunate enough to know him will forever
10 remember his kindness, his enthusiasm, and his profound
11 appreciation for the natural world; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mickey Darnell Lewis
14 and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mickey
18 Lewis.