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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a pioneer of its craft beer
2 industry with the untimely passing of Steve Anderson of Alpine on
3 November 25, 2015, at the age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas in 1962, Steve Anderson moved to
5 Austin to pursue his passion for music shortly after graduating
6 from high school; throughout the 1980s, he became part of the city's
7 growing punk music scene, performing in bands that included the Cry
8 Babies, Screws, Toxic Shock, and Scratch Acid; and

9 WHEREAS, During that time, Mr. Anderson also worked as a
10 bartender at Texas Showdown, where he developed a friendship with
11 the club's owner, Billy Forrester; the pair bonded over a mutual
12 appreciation for beer brewing, and in 1993, they opened the first
13 brewpub in Texas, Waterloo Brewing Company, in downtown Austin; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson went on to work as a brewmaster at Live
15 Oak Brewing Company for a decade, and he later relocated to West
16 Texas, where he founded Big Bend Brewing Company in Alpine in 2012;
17 he led the business up until the time of his death, and under his
18 able guidance and expertise, it grew to produce more than 5,000
19 barrels of craft beer each year; and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Anderson enjoyed the love
21 and support of his wife, Ellen; and

22 WHEREAS, Steve Anderson inspired countless others with his
23 dedication to pursuing his dreams, and those who were privileged to
24 share in his love and friendship will forever remember him with

1 admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Steve Anderson and
4 extend deepest condolences to his relatives and many friends; and,
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Steve
9 Anderson.