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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely death of James Sloan Everett Jr. of
2 Breckenridge on March 6, 2017, at the age of 35, has brought a
3 devastating loss to those who knew and loved him; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Abilene on September 8, 1981, to Jim and
5 Teresa Everett, Sloan Everett graduated with honors from
6 Breckenridge High School in 2000; he went on to attend Baylor
7 University, where he earned a bachelor of business administration
8 degree magna cum laude, with a double major in finance and
9 entrepreneurship; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Everett was hired by ConocoPhillips in
11 Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in 2005, and his work provided him the
12 opportunity to travel to many countries, including Canada, Costa
13 Rica, Peru, Norway, Russia, and Indonesia; accepting a position
14 with Hunt Oil Company in 2007, he relocated to Dallas, and during
15 his time there, he met his future wife, Liesl Austin; the couple
16 married in July 2011 and moved to Breckenridge the following year;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Returning to Northwest Texas, Mr. Everett achieved
19 his lifelong dream of working with his father on the family ranch;
20 admired for his strong work ethic and his leadership skills, he
21 quickly proved himself indispensable to the operation of the ranch,
22 and he formed a number of close friendships with those he
23 encountered in the cattle business; and

24 WHEREAS, More than anything else, Mr. Everett centered his

1 life on his family and his faith; he and his wife shared in the joy
2 of raising two children, Scarlett and Samuel, and were anticipating
3 the arrival of a third child at the time of his passing; in recent
4 years, he had become active in the student ministry of the First
5 Baptist Church of Breckenridge, where he helped many young people
6 in their spiritual development; his commitment to excellence in all
7 that he did belied a playful, mischievous side that was well known
8 to his loved ones; and

9 WHEREAS, Though his days were far too few, Sloan Everett
10 lived a life that was rich beyond measure, and he leaves behind a
11 wealth of memories that will be forever cherished by all those who
12 held him dear; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Sloan Everett
15 Jr. and extend deepest condolences to his relatives and friends;
16 and, be it further

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