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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 death of British Army Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) David Grafton  
3 Hannam on May 28, 2016, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, David Hannam was born on April 29, 1941, in  
5 Sheffield, England, to Mary and Joseph Hannam; an active child, he  
6 loved adventure and counted swimming and rugby among his favorite  
7 pastimes; commissioned into the British Army at the age of 20, he  
8 served in Borneo and Hong Kong before returning to England, where he  
9 served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers before  
10 spending most of his career in the Royal Army Pay Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hannam and his family lived on bases in England  
12 and Germany, and in the 1980s, he served as British Exchange Officer  
13 with the U.S. Army Finance Corps in Indianapolis, where he and his  
14 family made many close friends; following his return to England at  
15 the rank of lieutenant colonel, he served with the Ministry of  
16 Defense in Whitehall, the Parachute Regiment in Aldershot, and the  
17 Royal Army Pay Corps in Winchester before retiring; and

18 WHEREAS, After his return to civilian life, Mr. Hannam helped  
19 to manage the British Army payroll contract for EDS, and in 2000, he  
20 and his wife moved to Texas to be close to their grandchildren; he  
21 worked for another 14 years with the Technology Department of the  
22 Frisco Independent School District, and he played an instrumental  
23 role in setting up the many new schools the district opened during  
24 that period to keep pace with the city's rapidly growing

1 population; and

2           WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Hannam enjoyed fine  
3 dining, traveling, and trains; he was handy with his toolbox and  
4 enjoyed working on cars, and after following Formula One racing for  
5 years, he learned to love NASCAR when he settled in Texas; most of  
6 all, he delighted in the time he spent with his wife of more than 50  
7 years, Janet, his daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, William  
8 David Hamilton, and his two grandsons, Maxwell and Benjamin; a man  
9 of profound religious faith, he was a founding member of  
10 St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Frisco; and

11           WHEREAS, David Hannam was cherished for the unfailing  
12 kindness, good humor, and purposefulness with which he lived his  
13 life, and those who were blessed to share in his love and affection  
14 will forever hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lieutenant Colonel  
17 (Ret.) David Hannam and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and  
18 many friends; and, be it further

19           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David  
22 Grafton Hannam.