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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Michael Joseph Quick of College Station has greatly distinguished himself in all his endeavors over the course of a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, The son of Wade Edward and Celista Joan Quick Burke, Mike Quick was born in Port Arthur on December 16, 1946; following the untimely death of his mother, he and his sister, Margaret, were raised by their maternal grandparents, Earl and Dorothy Quick; he completed his bachelor's degree in chemistry at Lamar University, where he met his future wife, the former Terry Tilley; they married on September 5, 1969, and a month later, Mr. Quick was drafted into the U.S. Army; after graduating at the top of his class in noncommissioned officer's school, he was deployed to Vietnam; he attained the rank of sergeant first class and received a number of decorations, among them the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quick went on to earn a master's degree in chemistry from Lamar University and a doctoral degree in computer science from Texas A&M University; embarking on a noteworthy career with A&M, he was a software developer at the Data Processing Center and an instructor of computer science; although he retired in 1996, he continued to work as an independent software developer until 2000, when he founded Quick Internet Software Solutions, which serves the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, The devoted father of a daughter, Tiffany, and a son, David, Mr. Quick also takes great pride in his two granddaughters, Caroline and Kendall; he is a founding member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, and for many years, he sang in the choir, served as an extraordinary Eucharistic minister, and co-chaired the annual festival with his wife; active for decades in the Knights of Columbus as well, he served twice as grand knight and played a key role in the establishment of the 4th Degree KC Assembly 2041; moreover, he was the first commander of its color guard, which won numerous competitions; and

WHEREAS, Mike Quick has earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who are privileged to know him, and it is indeed fitting to recognize him at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby honor Michael Joseph Quick for his accomplishments and contributions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Quick as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.