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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The passing of Kelly McCarron Abbitt, the honorary mayor of San Leon, on July 18, 2018, at the age of 56, brought a profound loss to his community and to the numerous people whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Born in Houston on December 21, 1961, to Howard Abbitt and Caroline Dickens, Kelly Abbitt grew up with the companionship of four siblings, Randy, Paul, Christine, and Lauren; after attending high school in Friendswood, he served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1984 to 1990, during which time he was stationed aboard the USS *Sample* in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the USS *Mount Vernon* out of Long Beach, California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abbitt worked as a project manager for an IT consulting company and resided in the unincorporated community of San Leon; he held the title of honorary mayor, a position he initially earned by raising $32,000 at the annual Where the Hell is San Leon Festival and donating the funds to the local Little League, American Legion, and other charities; he ultimately served four consecutive one-year terms in that office and benefited an array of people and causes during his tenure; a well-known figure in the area, he took great pride in the place he called home and in the spirit of giving that he felt defined its citizens; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Abbitt was supported by his loving wife, Jan Abbitt, who held the title of first lady of San Leon; he was a devoted father to two children, Devin and Michael, and his circle of loved ones also included his siblings, his "Pops," Charles Dickens, and his many friends; and

WHEREAS, Although he is greatly missed, Kelly Abbitt left an indelible mark on San Leon, and those fortunate enough to know him will forever treasure their memories of this beloved gentleman; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Kelly McCarron Abbitt and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kelly Abbitt.