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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The passing of Steven Patrick Truitt on September 21, 2018, at the age of 62, has brought a great loss to the family and many friends of this esteemed Fort Worth resident; and

WHEREAS, Born in Midland on June 7, 1956, Steve Truitt was the son of Robert and Dorothy Truitt, and he grew up with three older siblings, Robert, Brent, and Cynthia; after graduating from Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth, he received a bachelor's degree in technical theater/theater design and technology from Southwestern University in 1980; he married Deborah Barr in 1983, and they went on to share a rewarding union that spanned three and a half decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Truitt began his distinguished 37-year career in technical theater in Austin, where he was employed as a stagehand at The University of Texas Performing Arts Center before going on to serve as master electrician at the Paramount Theatre; in 1997, he was named the technical director of Bass Performance Hall in Fort Worth, a position he held until his death; highly revered for his skills in lighting design, he worked with a number of well-known performers over the years, and he used his talents to benefit many dance companies in Austin, Fort Worth, and Dallas; moreover, he belonged to the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees; and

WHEREAS, A descendant of the "Old Three Hundred" in Stephen F. Austin's first colony, Mr. Truitt was passionate about Texas history, and his myriad other interests included photography, studying comedy, building and playing guitars, and operating his ham radio; he also delighted in spending time at the family ranch near Stephenville; and

WHEREAS, Possessed of a warm and generous nature, Steve Truitt brightened the world for all who knew him, and he will forever be remembered with great affection and admiration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Steven Patrick Truitt and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; 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 Steven Patrick Truitt.