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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Edward Samuel Hicks Sr. of Corpus Christi, who died on April 25, 2019, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hicks was born on April 29, 1934, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to A. W. and Leona Hicks, and he grew up with three siblings, Allen, Marvin, and Joyce; he shared 61 years with his wife, Gloria, and he was the proud father of three children, Debbie, Eddie, and Charlie; later in life, he was blessed with three grandchildren, Hannah, Edward, and William; and

WHEREAS, A self-made businessman, Mr. Hicks began his career in 1959 at a Chevrolet dealership in Detroit, Michigan, where he rose from salesman to sales manager; after moving with his family to Corpus Christi in 1966, he opened Ed Hicks Motors, selling pre-owned luxury cars, and over the next 50 years he and his family went on to create an automotive retail empire; today, there are six Ed Hicks dealerships in Corpus Christi, employing 250 people; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks cherished his faith, and he gave back to his community as a generous supporter of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the Texas State Aquarium, the USS *Lexington* Museum on the Bay, and Gloria Hicks Elementary School, among others; he also served as a member of the Texas Medical Board, president of the Corpus Christi International Airport Board, and founder and chair of the Corpus Christi Police Foundation; in 2011, he was honored with the Kirkland Distinguished Visitor in Business Administration Award from TAMUCC, and during Buccaneer Days 2012 he served as King Alonso LIX; and

WHEREAS, Ed Hicks lived a rich and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a legacy of hard work and service to others that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Edward Samuel Hicks Sr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many 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 Ed Hicks.