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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Richard Gilmore Lauderdale of Fort Worth passed away on March 15, 2019, at the age of 74, leaving behind a loving family and many dear friends to cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth on January 2, 1945, to Dr. Thomas Lauderdale and Margaret Lauderdale, Gilmore Lauderdale grew up with the companionship of two brothers, Thomas and Caleb; he attended military school and went on to graduate from R. L. Paschal High School in 1962 before continuing his studies at Texas Christian University; in 1968, he enlisted in the United States Army, and he was deployed to Germany to serve during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, After returning home to Fort Worth and Eagle Mountain Lake, Mr. Lauderdale met and married Carol Godbey, with whom he shared the joy of raising two children, Christopher and Leigh Anne; he was actively involved in his children's lives and supported them by coaching their soccer and basketball teams and riding horses competitively with his daughter; no matter the activity, he always made it his goal to instill in them morals, values, and life lessons, and he served as a role model to them through his generosity and compassion toward others; and

WHEREAS, An entrepreneur, Mr. Lauderdale decided to strike out on his own after working for a time in the poultry business and became the president, owner, and operator of Fort Worth Poultry & Egg Company at the Fort Worth Stockyards; he enjoyed spending time on the water, whether waterskiing competitively or sailing, and this passion also led him to open the popular Lauderdale's on the Lake and Shrimper's restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lauderdale led an adventurous life that included motorcycle trips to Mexico, surfing in Costa Rica, and scuba diving in the Bahamas; he also treasured the companionship of a host of longtime friends and of his loyal golden retriever, Handsome Sammy; moreover, he drew guidance and inspiration from his faith and served as an active member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Gilmore Lauderdale made a positive impact in many lives through his personal and professional achievements, and he will forever be remembered with admiration and affection by those who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Gilmore Lauderdale and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones 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 Richard Gilmore Lauderdale.