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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Jeffrey Allen Harford of Belton, who died on November  
3 23, 2018, at the age of 66; and

4           WHEREAS, Jeff Harford was born to William and Frances Harford  
5 in Belfast, Maine, on September 18, 1952, and he grew up with seven  
6 siblings, Jerry, Ronnie, Bill, Steve, Marcia, Joni, and Ethel;  
7 shortly after graduating from Belfast High School in 1970, he  
8 enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for 26 years with great  
9 distinction as a helicopter gunship pilot; during the first Gulf  
10 War in 1990, he was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Iraq with the 229th  
11 Aviation Regiment, also known as the Flying Tigers; returning home  
12 in 1991, he moved to Fort Hood, where he retired in 1996 at the rank  
13 of chief warrant officer 4; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Harford operated car washes in Belton and Harker  
15 Heights for several years before coming back to Fort Hood as a  
16 contractor; in 2007, he returned to active duty, serving in Iraq as  
17 a helicopter pilot with the 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry  
18 Regiment before retiring again in 2009, having accumulated 5,000  
19 hours of flying time; his commendations included the Legion of  
20 Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air  
21 Medal (3rd award), among many others; at the time of his death, he  
22 was working again as a contractor at Fort Hood with System Studies  
23 and Simulation; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. Harford married his wife, Janet, in 1990, and

1 the couple shared 28 years together until his death; he was the  
2 proud father of four children, Hunter, Holly, Heidi, and the late  
3 Hope Harford, and later in life he was blessed with 11 grandchildren  
4 and nine great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, A man of deep religious faith, Mr. Harford was a  
6 member of Temple Bible Church, where he served as a driver for the  
7 Impact backyard Bible clubs and as a leader of community Bible study  
8 sessions; he was also active with the Boy Scouts, helping to  
9 coordinate adventure treks in New Mexico, Minnesota, and the  
10 Bahamas; more recently, he served as den leader and cubmaster of Cub  
11 Scout Pack No. 153, organizing the pack's most successful popcorn  
12 fund-raiser, which garnered \$36,000; and

13 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a proud military veteran,  
14 Jeff Harford lived a rich and purposeful life, and he leaves behind  
15 a legacy of dedication to his nation and his community that will  
16 forever inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be  
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jeffrey Allen  
20 Harford and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many  
21 friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jeffrey  
25 Allen Harford.