

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Abbitt was supported by
23 his loving wife, Jan Abbitt, who held the title of first lady of San
24 Leon; he was a devoted father to two children, Devin and Michael,

1 and his circle of loved ones also included his siblings, his "Pops,"
2 Charles Dickens, and his many friends; and

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

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

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

Middleton

H.R. No. 593

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 593 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 21, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House