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H.R. No. 593

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.