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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of William Ashby on February 17, 2019, at
3 the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Jim and Bonnie Bell Ashby, William Ashby
5 was born in Rusk County on April 29, 1938; he graduated from
6 Henderson High School in 1957 and went on to serve his country in
7 the United States Army; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ashby enjoyed the love and support of his wife,
9 Sandra, and they shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 39 years;
10 he took great pride in his children, Stacy, Debbie, and Renee, and
11 with the passing years he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow
12 to include four grandchildren, Rachel, Laura, Hunter, and Hannah,
13 and two great-grandchildren, Halie and Harley; and

14 WHEREAS, In the course of his career with the *Henderson Daily*
15 *News*, Mr. Ashby worked as advertising manager for 36 years before
16 his retirement; he was active in the Kiwanis Club and First Baptist
17 Church, and he served his community as president of the Rusk County
18 Historical Commission, where he was instrumental in the success of
19 the Depot Museum; and

20 WHEREAS, This notable Texan garnered a number of awards in
21 recognition of his outstanding efforts, including the 1971 John R.
22 Alford Young Man of the Year award and the 2008 Lifetime Achievement
23 Award from the Henderson Area Chamber of Commerce; he was also named
24 as one of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni by the Henderson ISD Alumni

1 Association; and

2 WHEREAS, While the death of William Ashby brings great
3 sadness to his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long
4 be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of William Ashby and
7 extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many friends; and,
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
12 Ashby.