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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A purposeful life devoted to his family, his faith,
2 and his community drew to a close with the passing of Michael
3 D. Burns of Cleburne on September 3, 2017, at the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 17, 1949, in Corpus Christi, to Jack and
5 Jackie Jackson, Michael Burns grew up with the companionship of two
6 brothers, Danny and Richard; he was a proud veteran of the United
7 States Army, and after returning home, his strong work ethic helped
8 him excel in his career at the Texas Lime Company plant in Cleburne,
9 where he earned promotion to the position of plant manager and
10 eventually retired following 16 years of dedicated service; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Burns was affiliated with Cleburne Masonic
12 Lodge No. 315, York Rite, and the Knights Templar, and he was a
13 devout Christian and a valued member of New Hope Baptist Church; in
14 his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing and playing golf, and he was an
15 avid fan of NASCAR, the Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Rangers, and Texas
16 A&M football; and

17 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Burns treasured every moment he
18 spent with his family, including his beloved wife of 48 years,
19 Deborah Burns, whom he wed on March 1, 1969; he was the loving
20 father of two sons, DeWayne and Jeffrey, and as a doting
21 grandfather, he took a genuine interest in the many activities of
22 his grandchildren, Parker, Austin, and Emma; Mr. Burns was likewise
23 supportive of the political career of his son, State Representative
24 DeWayne Burns, and frequently volunteered to help out with his

1 campaigns; and

2 WHEREAS, Admired and cherished for his warmth, his humor, and
3 his unfailing optimism, Michael Burns was a true blessing in the
4 lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him, and he will
5 forever be remembered with great admiration and affection; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Michael D. Burns and
9 extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

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