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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Jan Russell Cook on August
2 1, 2018, at the age of 57, is a profound loss to his family, friends,
3 and many admirers in the Graham arts community; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on March 29, 1961, "Rusty" Cook was
5 the son of Russell and Ellen Cook, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of his brother, Dean; he worked as a field engineer
7 with General Electric, and he was a nine-year veteran of the Newport
8 Volunteer Fire Department, which he served as a firefighter, as
9 well as secretary and treasurer; and

10 WHEREAS, A self-taught artist, Mr. Cook was best known for
11 his landscape paintings featuring expansive views of the sky; he
12 belonged to the Graham Art Guild, Oil Painters of America, and the
13 Outdoor Painters Society, and his works were recognized at a
14 succession of art exhibitions, including the Lake Country Art Show,
15 where his oil piece *The Tempest* won Best of Show in 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook married the former Adina Lynn Spradling on
17 July 23, 1994, and the couple shared a rewarding marriage that
18 spanned 24 years; he endeared himself to others with his kindness
19 and sense of humor, and he made a host of friends everywhere he
20 went; and

21 WHEREAS, Rusty Cook enriched the lives of countless people
22 through his love and friendship, his generosity of spirit, and his
23 artistic talent, and he will forever hold a special place in the
24 hearts of those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jan Russell Cook and
3 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
4 wife, Adina Cook; to his parents, Russell and Ellen Cook; to his
5 brother, Dean Cook, and his wife, Joy; to his nephews, Daniel,
6 Justin, and Thomas Cook; and to his other relatives and friends;
7 and, be it further

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