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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Edward
2 Samuel Hicks Sr. of Corpus Christi, who died on April 25, 2019, at
3 the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Ed Hicks was born on April 29, 1934, in Cincinnati,
5 Ohio, to A. W. and Leona Hicks, and he grew up with three siblings,
6 Allen, Marvin, and Joyce; he shared 61 years with his wife, Gloria,
7 and he was the proud father of three children, Debbie, Eddie, and
8 Charlie; later in life, he was blessed with three grandchildren,
9 Hannah, Edward, and William; and

10 WHEREAS, A self-made businessman, Mr. Hicks began his career
11 in 1959 at a Chevrolet dealership in Detroit, Michigan, where he
12 rose from salesman to sales manager; after moving with his family to
13 Corpus Christi in 1966, he opened Ed Hicks Motors, selling
14 pre-owned luxury cars, and over the next 50 years he and his family
15 went on to create an automotive retail empire; today, there are six
16 Ed Hicks dealerships in Corpus Christi, employing 250 people; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks cherished his faith, and he gave back to
18 his community as a generous supporter of Texas A&M
19 University-Corpus Christi, the Texas State Aquarium, the USS
20 *Lexington* Museum on the Bay, and Gloria Hicks Elementary School,
21 among others; he also served as a member of the Texas Medical Board,
22 president of the Corpus Christi International Airport Board, and
23 founder and chair of the Corpus Christi Police Foundation; in 2011,
24 he was honored with the Kirkland Distinguished Visitor in Business

1 Administration Award from TAMUCC, and during Buccaneer Days 2012 he
2 served as King Alonso LIX; and

3 WHEREAS, Ed Hicks lived a rich and purposeful life, and he
4 leaves behind a legacy of hard work and service to others that will
5 continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Edward Samuel Hicks
9 Sr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many
10 friends; and, be 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 Ed Hicks.