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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Wallace Wade Moon of Bryan passed away on February
9, 2018, at the age of 87, leaving his loved ones to reflect on a
life that was rich in meaningful achievements; and

WHEREAS, Born in Bay, Arkansas, on April 3, 1930, Wally Moon 4 5 was the son of H. A. and Margie Moon; after high school, he attended Texas A&M University and played for the Aggies basketball and 6 7 baseball teams, and his prowess on the diamond led to him be recruited to compete at the professional level as a member of the 8 9 St. Louis Cardinals; before entering the pros, he proudly graduated from Texas A&M, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1951 and a 10 11 master's degree in 1952; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Moon went on to spend five years with the 13 Cardinals, and during that period, he was named the 1954 National 14 League Rookie of the Year; he subsequently played for seven years 15 with the Los Angeles Dodgers, winning World Series titles in 1959, 16 1963, and 1965; in addition, he was a Gold Glove winner and was 17 twice selected to the National League All-Star teams; and

WHEREAS, After retiring as a player, Mr. Moon was hired as an athletic director and baseball coach at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where he worked for a decade; he then purchased the San Antonio Dodgers in the AA Texas League, and he served at various times as a manager and roving hitting instructor in the minor leagues for the St. Louis Cardinals, the New York Yankees, and the Baltimore Orioles; he retired for good in Bryan and

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spent his time hunting, fishing, playing golf, and writing his
memoirs; moreover, he was an active congregant of the First United
Methodist Church of Bryan; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Moon enjoyed the love and 5 support of his wife, Bettye Lewis Knowles Moon, with whom he shared 64 years of marriage; he took great pride in his children, Wally, 6 Elizabeth, Mary, and LaRhesa, well in 7 Zola, as as his 8 grandchildren, Brad, Cameron, Karen, Joshua, Grace, Christine, and Samantha, and his great-granddaughter, Hayley; and 9

10 WHEREAS, Wally Moon was an outstanding ballplayer, a 11 respected coach and manager, and a dear friend to many, and he will 12 forever be remembered with tremendous affection by those he leaves 13 behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Wallace Wade Moon and extend deepest sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wally Moon. Raney

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1623 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 24, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House