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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Wallace Wade Moon of Bryan passed away on February
2 9, 2018, at the age of 87, leaving his loved ones to reflect on a
3 life that was rich in meaningful achievements; and

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

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

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Wallace Wade Moon and
16 extend deepest sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it
17 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.