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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Richard Gilmore Lauderdale of Fort Worth passed away  
2 on March 15, 2019, at the age of 74, leaving behind a loving family  
3 and many dear friends to cherish his memory; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth on January 2, 1945, to Dr. Thomas  
5 Lauderdale and Margaret Lauderdale, Gilmore Lauderdale grew up with  
6 the companionship of two brothers, Thomas and Caleb; he attended  
7 military school and went on to graduate from R. L. Paschal High  
8 School in 1962 before continuing his studies at Texas Christian  
9 University; in 1968, he enlisted in the United States Army, and he  
10 was deployed to Germany to serve during the Vietnam War; and

11           WHEREAS, After returning home to Fort Worth and Eagle  
12 Mountain Lake, Mr. Lauderdale met and married Carol Godbey, with  
13 whom he shared the joy of raising two children, Christopher and  
14 Leigh Anne; he was actively involved in his children's lives and  
15 supported them by coaching their soccer and basketball teams and  
16 riding horses competitively with his daughter; no matter the  
17 activity, he always made it his goal to instill in them morals,  
18 values, and life lessons, and he served as a role model to them  
19 through his generosity and compassion toward others; and

20           WHEREAS, An entrepreneur, Mr. Lauderdale decided to strike  
21 out on his own after working for a time in the poultry business and  
22 became the president, owner, and operator of Fort Worth Poultry &  
23 Egg Company at the Fort Worth Stockyards; he enjoyed spending time  
24 on the water, whether waterskiing competitively or sailing, and

1 this passion also led him to open the popular Lauderdale's on the  
2 Lake and Shrimper's restaurants; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Lauderdale led an adventurous life that  
4 included motorcycle trips to Mexico, surfing in Costa Rica, and  
5 scuba diving in the Bahamas; he also treasured the companionship of  
6 a host of longtime friends and of his loyal golden retriever,  
7 Handsome Sammy; moreover, he drew guidance and inspiration from his  
8 faith and served as an active member of St. Anne's Episcopal  
9 Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Gilmore Lauderdale made a positive impact in many  
11 lives through his personal and professional achievements, and he  
12 will forever be remembered with admiration and affection by those  
13 who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Gilmore  
16 Lauderdale and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones and  
17 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 Richard  
21 Gilmore Lauderdale.