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S.R. No. 22

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Dr. Stephen Chmaitelli, who died August 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, A beloved member of the community, Stephen Chmaitelli was known for his generosity and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest, and he touched the lives of many through his work as a veterinarian; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Chmaitelli was born on September 28, 1975; he graduated from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Singing Cadets and was a Walk-on 12th Man; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chmaitelli practiced both large and small veterinary medicine, and much of his work was pro bono; he worked for a time in Africa on a mission to save rhinoceroses; he practiced in Austin and in Carthage, and in 2015, he established Garden Oaks Veterinary Clinic in Houston; he was known as a brilliant veterinarian who followed his intuition, and he was an active member of the Texas Veterinary Medicine Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Guided in all things by his kind spirit, Dr. Chmaitelli fostered a warm and friendly work environment, and he will be dearly missed by a staff that he treated like family; his warmth extended to his clients and to the animals in his care, and he was known for rescuing and patiently healing

stray animals that had been destined for euthanasia; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Chmaitelli was a skilled rugby player and enjoyed horsemanship, and he was an avid fan of the Houston Astros, good country music, and Lebanese cuisine; he was held in high esteem by his colleagues and was beloved by his friends and clients, and he will long be remembered with respect and admiration by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Stephen Chmaitelli; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Stephen Chmaitelli.