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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends of Michael Emile Mahfood of Tyler, who passed away on September 21, 2021, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, The son of Emile and Maryrose Mahfood, Michael Mahfood was born in Detroit, Michigan, on June 21, 1949, and grew up in Longview with four siblings, Philip, Rosemary, Michele, and David; he married his sweetheart, Suzann Mahfood, in 1971, in a ceremony conducted at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler; they were blessed with five children, Emily, Benjamin, Teresa, Sara-Michael, and Matthew; with the passing years, Mr. Mahfood experienced the joy of welcoming into their treasured family 16 grandchildren, Hayden, Caraline, Elizabeth, Eli, Gianna, Peter, Felicity, Isabelle, Cecilia, Thomas, Camilla, Jacob, Luke, Ann-Michael, Bryson, and Landon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mahfood owned First Mark Trading from the early 1980s until 1992; a brilliant entrepreneur, he went on to establish GroupM7, the first website design company in the area, when the Internet was still in its infancy; he used his commanding presence to his advantage in the business world, and although he had a stubborn streak, he was kind and patient with his loved ones, including those he adopted as honorary family members; he was also generous in sharing his time, talents, and

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resources with others; from 2012 to 2017, he chaired the finance board of the Catholic Diocese of Tyler, and he then served for four years on the board of the CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Foundation; he was elected to the board of Holy Apostles College and Seminary, and he sponsored the Michael and Suzann Mahfood Family Scholarship Fund, which supports Catholic education; and

WHEREAS, While the death of Michael Mahfood brings great sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Michael Emile Mahfood and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael Emile Mahfood.