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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Residents of Nacogdoches are mourning the loss of beloved former band leader Norman Glynn Wells, who passed away on February 3, 2021, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, The son of Norman and Virgie Wells, Glynn Wells grew up in Lindale; he played in the band at Lindale High School and at Stephen F. Austin State University, where he earned both a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in educational leadership; following a year in New Boston, he joined the Nacogdoches Independent School District in 1990; he led bands at Thomas J. Rusk Middle School for a decade and then became head director at Nacogdoches High School; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of 18 years, Mr. Wells guided the Golden Dragon band to 15 Sweepstakes, and the ensemble marched in the 2008 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California; he raised funds to take the group to Hawaii twice to perform at patriotic programs, including an appearance with the Royal Navy Band; an exceptional mentor and role model, he instilled strong discipline and encouraged students to develop self-confidence and resolve, as well as a fuller understanding of the power of music; he was stern when necessary, but his wonderful sense of humor made hard work enjoyable, and the success of his students was always his greatest joy; during many summers, he supervised swim lessons and lifeguards at the Maroney Park pool, and young employees there benefited by his example of effective, caring management; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Virgie Wells, his sister, Melissa Wells, his aunt, Joy Brown, and a host of friends, colleagues, and former students; he is also survived by his treasured canine companion, Sassy, a border collie presented to him by his band when he retired in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Although Glynn Wells is sadly missed, the passage of time will only deepen appreciation for the important life lessons he taught, and he will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Norman Glynn Wells and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Norman Glynn Wells.