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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Roanoke City Council member Steven Mel Heath were deeply saddened by his passing on August 27, 2020, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, Steve Heath was born to Melvin and Nancy Heath in Torrance, California, on May 16, 1957; he graduated from Mena High School and went on to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville; and

WHEREAS, A charter member of the Roanoke Economic and Industrial Development Corporation and a longtime member of the Roanoke City Council, Mr. Heath dedicated more than two decades to making Roanoke an even better place in which to live and work; he was first elected to the city council in 1997, and he played a vital role in numerous initiatives, including improvements to the city's water and sewer infrastructure, extensive economic development, and the implementation of a Master Trail Plan to increase walkability throughout the city; moreover, he was instrumental in the construction of several city facilities, such as a law enforcement center, fire station, and recreation center, as well as renovations to the library and community center; in addition to his civic endeavors, he was the owner of a successful business, Heath Logistics, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath was preceded in death by his first wife, Krista, and his infant daughter, Rachel; he shared a rewarding marriage with his second wife, Gayla, and he took great pride in his sons, Tyler and Jeremy; he also delighted in time spent with his grandchildren, Tyler and Madeline, and his niece and nephew, Cassandra and Bryar; and

WHEREAS, Steve Heath lived a rich and purposeful life centered around his family and his community, and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Steven Mel Heath 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 Steve Heath.