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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Family, friends, and colleagues will forever  
2 cherish their memories of Dewey Douglas Stockbridge of Alpine, who  
3 died on August 8, 2020, at the age of 36; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Fredericksburg on November 16, 1983, to  
5 Randy and Connie Stockbridge, Dewey Stockbridge grew up with the  
6 companionship of a sister, Leslie; he excelled as both a student and  
7 as a multi-sport athlete at Mason High School, where he played on  
8 the football, basketball, and baseball teams and developed his  
9 lifelong passion for golf; after graduating from Mason High in  
10 2002, he attended Texas A&M University and earned his degree in  
11 wildlife and fisheries sciences in 2006; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Stockbridge first worked as a wildlife  
13 technician for the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area; there, he  
14 was involved in habitat restoration and conservation efforts for  
15 desert bighorn sheep in Far West Texas, a cause that became very  
16 dear to his heart; after a few years, he was promoted to the  
17 position of wildlife biologist at Black Gap, and he continued in  
18 that role at the Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area, which  
19 spans 23,000 acres south of Alpine; highly respected for his work,  
20 he was conducting aerial surveys for desert bighorn sheep at Black  
21 Gap when he died in a helicopter crash along with two other TPWD  
22 employees on August 8, 2020; and

23           WHEREAS, Active in many organizations, Mr. Stockbridge held  
24 membership in the Texas Wildlife Association, the Wild Sheep

1 Foundation, the Mule Deer Foundation, the Dallas and Houston Safari  
2 Clubs, Ducks Unlimited, the Texas Bighorn Society, and the Desert  
3 Bighorn Council; he was also a congregant of the First United  
4 Methodist Church of Mason; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Stockbridge shared a rewarding relationship  
6 with his wife, Shannon, and he took great pride in their son,  
7 Jameson, and daughter, London; he instilled in his children his  
8 love of the outdoors and his respect for nature, and he enjoyed  
9 going on hunting and fishing trips with family and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, Although Dewey Stockbridge's life ended far too  
11 soon, he has left behind a legacy through his tireless commitment to  
12 habitat preservation and wildlife stewardship, and he will forever  
13 be remembered with admiration and affection by all those who were  
14 fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
16 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dewey Douglas Stockbridge and  
17 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his  
18 wife, Shannon Stockbridge; to his children, Jameson and London  
19 Stockbridge; to his parents, Randy and Connie Stockbridge; to his  
20 sister, Leslie Becker, and her husband, Travis; to his niece,  
21 Aubrey Joy Becker; and to his many other relatives and friends; and,  
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
26 Dewey Stockbridge.