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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of William Raymond Arrington Jr. of Austin on October 17,  
3 2020, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on January 12, 1945, Bill Arrington  
5 was the adopted son of William and Gladys Arrington, and he grew up  
6 with a sister, Anita; in 1963, he graduated from Highland Park High  
7 School and went on to attend Southwest Texas State College;  
8 answering his nation's call to duty, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1965  
9 and served as a fire control technician until 1969; he received the  
10 National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with  
11 one Bronze Star; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Arrington worked for a variety of  
13 organizations, including Neeley Vending Company, Highland Lanes,  
14 and Greyhound bus lines; he was subsequently employed by the United  
15 States Postal Service, and he enjoyed a career as a letter carrier  
16 that spanned 26 years, until his retirement in 2013; in his leisure  
17 time, he delighted in watching *Jeopardy!*, *NCIS*, and his favorite  
18 movie, *Jumanji*, and he was a devoted fan of the Seattle Seahawks;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Bill Arrington benefited from  
21 the love and support of his wife, Carol, and he took pride in his  
22 three children, Charla, Yancy, and Stacey; through the years, he  
23 had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include four  
24 grandchildren, Ashley, Hailey, Trevor, and Tiffany, and two

1 great-grandchildren, Dazdyn and Maverick, and later in life he was  
2 delighted to discover that he had three biological siblings,  
3 Michael, Anita, and Patrick; he treasured time spent with his  
4 beloved cat, Gibbs, and he held the memories of his cats Abbey,  
5 Smokey, Callie, and Poco close in his heart; and

6 WHEREAS, Possessed of a quick wit and delightful sense of  
7 humor, Bill Arrington brightened the world for all who knew him, and  
8 his loved ones will always remember him with great admiration and  
9 affection; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William Raymond  
12 Arrington Jr. and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
13 family and to his many friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill  
17 Arrington.