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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans are mourning the loss of Dr. Robert Otto
2 Dittmar II of Kerrville, an esteemed veterinarian for the Texas
3 Parks and Wildlife Department who tragically passed away on August
4 8, 2020, at the age of 64; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Dittmar was born in Fredericksburg on October
6 18, 1955, to Robert and Irene Dittmar; he grew up with two siblings,
7 Karen and Jerry, on the family ranch in Harper and was a member of
8 the Harper High School Class of 1973; he went on to earn an
9 undergraduate degree at Texas A&M University and graduated from the
10 Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical
11 Sciences in 1979; and

12 WHEREAS, Embarking on a career in veterinary medicine,
13 Dr. Dittmar practiced in Weslaco, Hondo, and then at the Kerrville
14 Veterinary Clinic, which he owned for nearly a decade, beginning in
15 1982; establishing strong relationships with clients throughout
16 the Texas Hill Country, he earned a reputation for the dedicated and
17 consistent care that he provided in every situation; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2014, Dr. Dittmar became the first wildlife
19 veterinarian for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; the role
20 allowed him to pursue his passion for conservation by working with
21 landowners, hunters, and biologists to help preserve native
22 wildlife, and he cared deeply about his efforts to relocate Texas
23 bighorn sheep and pronghorn and to assist TPWD in responding to
24 complex animal health and disease issues; he also contributed his

1 time and expertise to several TPWD committees, and he was active
2 with numerous other organizations; he served as director of the
3 Texas Wildlife Association and helped develop the Doss and Harper
4 Wildlife Management Associations; moreover, he taught many youth
5 about wildlife and responsible hunting, and he gave back to the
6 local community as director of the Texas Farm Bureau in Kerr County;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Dittmar enjoyed the love
9 and support of his wife, Bernadine, with whom he shared a rewarding
10 marriage that spanned more than four decades; he was the devoted
11 father of two children, Robert and Whitney, and he took great pride
12 in his grandchildren, Hayden, Paige, Kimber, and Levi; a man of
13 faith, he served on the church council at Zion Lutheran Church in
14 Kerrville; and

15 WHEREAS, While Dr. Bob Dittmar's passing has deprived the
16 Texas conservation and wildlife community of an admired leader, his
17 achievements will continue to resonate in the years to come; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Robert Otto
21 Dittmar II and extend deepest condolences to his relatives,
22 friends, and colleagues; and, 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Bob
26 Dittmar.