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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
- 2 memories of Robert Warren McGowan of Houston, who died on March 5,
- 3 2021, at the age of 66; and
- WHEREAS, Robert McGowan was born on January 13, 1955, to
- 5 Willard and Verna McGowan, and he grew up in Houston with three
- 6 siblings, Willard, Verne, and Twyla; and
- 7 WHEREAS, After graduating from Phillis Wheatley High School,
- 8 Mr. McGowan earned his bachelor's degree at Prairie View A&M
- 9 University in 1978; an expert mechanic, he joined his father's
- 10 business, McGowan's Auto Repair, and he maintained an active
- 11 interest in his profession over the years, mastering the changing
- 12 technologies of automotive computers and diagnostic systems; his
- 13 expertise and strong work ethic earned him a reputation as one of
- 14 the best and most reliable mechanics in Houston's Fifth Ward; he
- 15 also enjoyed working on and racing muscle cars; and
- WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, Mr. McGowan was a
- 17 lifelong member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, and he was
- 18 in regular attendance at the church's worship service and Sunday
- 19 school; and
- WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. McGowan enjoyed the love
- 21 and support of his wife, Sandra Battle, with whom he shared a loving
- 22 relationship for 32 years; he was a devoted stepfather to her
- 23 daughters, Natasha, Tiffany, and Shauntay; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Robert McGowan possessed a generosity of spirit that

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- 1 expressed itself in myriad ways, and he enriched the lives of
- 2 countless people with his warmth and kindness; now, therefore, be
- 3 it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Warren
- 6 McGowan and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing;
- 7 and, be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
- 11 McGowan.