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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed coach and teacher drew to a
2 close with the passing of Johnny Douglas Carnes of Harker Heights on
3 March 13, 2021, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Johnny Carnes was born in Brownwood on February 18,
5 1940, to Richard and Virginia Carnes and grew up with two siblings,
6 Martha Jane and Richard; he graduated from Brownwood High School
7 and went on to earn a degree at Howard Payne University; answering
8 his nation's call to duty, he enlisted in the military at age 16 and
9 later completed U.S. Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning,
10 Georgia; he was assigned as the unit commander for Headquarters
11 Company, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, and ultimately
12 served his country for over a quarter century, retiring at the rank
13 of major; and

14 WHEREAS, A dedicated educator, Mr. Carnes taught for 31
15 years, working at schools in Waco, Manor, and Killeen; he earned
16 great acclaim as a coach, guiding the Killeen High School boys'
17 track squad to its inaugural state crown in 1978 and the football
18 team to the 1991 state championship; at Killeen Ellison High
19 School, he transformed the track program, helping the team to win
20 numerous district and regional titles; he was named the 1978 Track
21 Coach of the Year by the Texas Sports Writers Association, and in
22 1991 he received a 25-year membership plaque and a Career Victories
23 Award from the Texas High School Coaches Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Carnes exchanged vows with the former Sherry

1 Vogel in 1961, and the couple shared a rewarding marriage that
2 spanned nearly six decades; he took great pride in his two
3 daughters, Michelle and Jennifer, as well as his three
4 grandchildren, Jenna, Shelby, and Mason; he and Sherry enjoyed
5 going on cruises and taking other travel trips, and he also pursued
6 his passions for playing golf, fishing, watching John Wayne movies,
7 and collecting arrowheads; moreover, he excelled at designing
8 jewelry and making birdhouses and furniture; he faithfully attended
9 First United Methodist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, With his generosity and unfailing kindness, Johnny
11 Carnes made a positive difference in many lives, and those who were
12 fortunate enough to have known him will forever hold him close in
13 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Johnny Douglas
16 Carnes and extend deepest condolences to his relatives and many
17 friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Johnny
21 Carnes.