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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Houston lost a beloved photojournalist
2 and friend to many with the passing of Willie Lee Dixon Jr. of
3 Spring on April 25, 2020, at the age of 52; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Willie L. Dixon Sr. and Jessie Mae Coleman
5 Dixon, "Jay" Dixon was born in Mobile, Alabama, on July 8, 1967; he
6 completed his bachelor's degree in journalism at Alabama State
7 University, where he played trombone in the Mighty Marching Hornets
8 band; after working for television stations in Montgomery and
9 Mobile, Alabama, and then Moline, Illinois, and Orlando, Florida,
10 he joined Houston's ABC affiliate in 2006; he was KTRK's primary
11 sports photojournalist and also enjoyed covering politics; with his
12 friendly, professional manner and huge smile, he brightened the
13 days of all he encountered and left an indelible impression; his
14 colleagues adored him for his generous, supportive ways and
15 wonderful sense of humor, as well as his talent and commitment to
16 excellence; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon married his college sweetheart, the
18 former Dorothy Brown, in 1994, and they became the proud parents of
19 two daughters, Dominique and Sydney; the couple delighted in taking
20 the girls on adventures, whether to Disney World or abroad, and they
21 shared a memorable 25th anniversary trip to Italy, documented in
22 myriad pictures sent to their daughters and others; deeply devoted
23 to his family, Mr. Dixon listed his wife as "My Queen" in his phone
24 and loved to find gifts for her while traveling for work; he

1 regarded Father's Day and Valentine's Day as occasions to thank his
2 children with special presents, and when they went off to college,
3 he kept in close touch via FaceTime; a fitness buff, he taught
4 hard-charging spin classes at the YMCA and a local gym; he also
5 liked throwing pool parties, shoe shopping for his wife and
6 himself, playing foosball and Pac-man, watching football, and
7 cheering others on at their sporting events; above all, he
8 cherished time with colleagues, friends, and a large extended
9 family that included his parents, his sister, Angela, his
10 half-brother, Brent, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and
11 in-laws; and

12 WHEREAS, Although Willie Dixon is greatly missed, the passage
13 of time will never diminish the warmth and joy that he brought into
14 the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Willie "Jay" Dixon and
18 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Willie Lee
23 Dixon Jr.