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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Former state representative Michael Hamilton of  
2 Mauriceville passed away on November 8, 2019, at the age of 58,  
3 bringing a profound loss to his loved ones, to the friends he made  
4 at the statehouse, and to the many people whose lives he benefited  
5 through his public service; and

6           WHEREAS, Born on September 30, 1961, Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton  
7 was the son of Michael Hamilton and Carrie Hebert and the eldest of  
8 their six children; he studied at Lamar University and worked a  
9 series of jobs in the food and beverage industry before purchasing  
10 Tuffy's Eatery in Mauriceville in 1990; although he eventually sold  
11 the restaurant in 2005, the nickname "Tuffy" followed him  
12 throughout his life; he continued serving Southern comfort food at  
13 the second eatery he owned, Hamilton's Restaurant and Bar, which he  
14 opened in Port Arthur in 2017, and at the time of his passing, he was  
15 the owner of The West Bar and Grill in Beaumont; as a successful  
16 restaurateur, he at one time led the Texas Restaurant Association  
17 as president; and

18           WHEREAS, In 2003, Mr. Hamilton embarked on the first of five  
19 consecutive terms in the Texas House of Representatives, where he  
20 worked to advance the interests of his constituents in Hardin,  
21 Newton, and Orange Counties until concluding his tenure in 2013;  
22 during his years in office, he chaired the Licensing and  
23 Administrative Procedures Committee and the Natural Resources  
24 Committee, and he served as co-chair of the Texas Environmental

1 Flows Advisory Group and as vice chair of the Local Government Ways  
2 and Means Committee and the Select Committee on Emergency  
3 Preparedness; he was known for being friendly and affable to his  
4 fellow lawmakers, including those from across the aisle, and he  
5 always treated his staff with great respect; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hamilton was a devoted husband and father who  
7 embraced family values in every area of his life; he shared 32 years  
8 of marriage with his wife, Terry Hamilton, and was blessed with four  
9 children, Melissa, Lacey, Kevin, and Michael, and five  
10 grandchildren, Taylor, Tyler, Gabby, Emily, and Sophie; he  
11 cherished the time he spent with his loved ones at gatherings, where  
12 he always made certain that everyone around him was enjoying  
13 themselves as much as he was; and

14 WHEREAS, Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton worked to better the lives of  
15 his fellow Texans with generosity, enthusiasm, and unwavering  
16 commitment, and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved  
17 ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of former state  
20 representative Mike "Tuffy" Hamilton and extend deepest  
21 condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Terry  
22 Hamilton; to his mother, Carrie Hebert; to his children, Melissa  
23 Eggleton and her husband, Mike, Lacey Coyne and her husband, Alex,  
24 Kevin Sensat and his wife, Kim, and Michael Hamilton; to his  
25 grandchildren, Taylor, Tyler, Gabby, Emily, and Sophie; to his  
26 siblings, Paula Adams and her husband, Ricky, Ginger Provost and  
27 her husband, Reagan, Kip Hamilton and his wife, Cara, Greg Hamilton

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1 and his wife, Colinda, and Blaine Hamilton and his wife, Alicia; and  
2 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael  
6 "Tuffy" Hamilton.