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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Larry Clinton Formby of Hereford on July 12, 2020, at the
3 age of 67; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Clint and Margaret Formby, "Chip" Formby
5 was born in Hereford on January 14, 1953, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of four siblings, Linda Kay, Brenda, Marshall, and
7 Scott; following his graduation from Hereford High School in 1971,
8 he attended Texas Tech University, where he made lifelong friends
9 as a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and earned a
10 bachelor's degree in business administration; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1978, Mr. Formby joined KPAN radio as an engineer
12 and news director, beginning a career in radio broadcasting that
13 would span more than four decades until his passing; over the course
14 of his tenure with the station, he became the general manager and
15 majority owner and oversaw the broadcast coverage of Hereford High
16 School sports and local news; he also spearheaded several
17 innovations at the studios such as the introduction of computer
18 automation and the installation of a wind turbine, and he played an
19 instrumental role in KPAN joining the National Weather Service
20 Cooperative Observer Program; moreover, he was twice elected to
21 represent small market radio on the board of the Texas Association
22 of Broadcasters; and

23 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Formby was a member of
24 the board of the Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers and a valued

1 congregant of First Baptist Church of Hereford; he was a lifelong
2 conservationist and environmentalist, and in the 1980s he helped
3 prevent a nuclear waste plant from being built in the county; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Formby enjoyed the love
5 and support of his wife, Lisa, with whom he shared a fulfilling
6 union of 33 years; he took great pride in his sons, Jonathan and
7 Lane, and with the passing years, he was further blessed with a
8 granddaughter, Riley; a talented musician, he played in several
9 bands throughout his life, and he delighted in spending time snow
10 skiing with his family, as well as windsurfing, backpacking, and
11 drag racing; and

12 WHEREAS, While his loss is difficult to bear, Chip Formby
13 leaves behind numerous friends and loved ones whose lives are far
14 richer for having known him, and he will always hold a treasured
15 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Larry Clinton
18 Formby and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing;
19 and, be it 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 Chip
23 Formby.