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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Waco lost a beloved resident with the
2 passing of Robert Pearson on May 5, 2021, at the age of 76; and

3 WHEREAS, The son of Oneta Pearson, Robert Pearson was born in
4 Waco on October 18, 1944, and he grew up with two siblings, Mary Jo
5 and Cecil; he graduated from A. J. Moore High School and moved to
6 Reno, Nevada, where his older brother had a job waiting for him in
7 the restaurant at Harrah's Reno Hotel & Casino; when he turned 21,
8 he was hired as a bartender; and

9 WHEREAS, Weary of the casino scene, Mr. Pearson lived in
10 Houston for five years, and he returned to Waco in 1983; along the
11 way, he found employment as a club manager and floor finisher, and
12 he also worked in television production and at a hospital; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Pearson became a well-known figure in Waco after
14 opening a shoeshine stand at the airport; wise, witty, and
15 well-versed in many topics, he offered customers lively
16 conversation while putting a "glow on their toe"; frequent flyers
17 would stop for a chat on their way through the airport, and when he
18 wasn't busy polishing, he helped travelers with their luggage,
19 offered advice on where to dine, provided directions, or summoned
20 an Uber; customers became friends, and when his lease ended after 14
21 years, he got two offers of free locations; he set up his business
22 at the Extraco Bank during the week and at Magnolia Market at the
23 Silos on Saturdays; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the years, Robert Pearson brightened the days

1 of countless people, and although he is deeply missed, his warmth
2 and kindness will remain a source of inspiration to all who were
3 privileged to share in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Pearson and
7 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
12 Pearson.