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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 admired educator Stephen Avery Warren of Austin on
3 February 2, 2021, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of William S. Warren and Betsy Avery Warren,
5 Steve Warren was born in Columbia, Missouri, on May 2, 1947; he
6 attended O. Henry Middle School and Austin High School and earned a
7 bachelor's degree in English from The University of Texas at
8 Austin, where he was a catcher on the baseball team; in 1970, he
9 enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and he flew F-8 fighter jets for six
10 years before joining the Navy Reserve; he completed his master's
11 degree in education at UT while serving in the reserve; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1978, Mr. Warren began teaching English at his
13 old middle school; he later joined the Austin High faculty as a
14 teacher and tennis coach; four of his players won state 5A
15 championships and he sent a team to state semifinals; in 1985, he
16 was selected as one of two Texans in the NASA Teacher in Space
17 Project, and following the Challenger disaster, he worked with
18 other participants and NASA to develop a nationwide curriculum
19 incorporating the study of space travel; he was truly dedicated to
20 his students and instilled valuable life lessons while helping them
21 to overcome obstacles; named Austin High Teacher of the Year four
22 times, he was inducted into the school's hall of honor; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Warren was a gifted storyteller as well; after
24 winning two national playwrights' competitions and the Hollywood

1 Symposium Screenplay Contest, he retired in 2000 as a teacher and as
2 a captain in the reserve in order to write full time; his
3 productions included *Rebel Yells*, *Gone to Texas*, and *Confessions of*
4 *Davy Crockett*; a man of deep faith, he served as a Sunday school
5 teacher, first reader, and board member for the Christian Science
6 Church, where he met his future wife, Debbi; they married on March
7 2, 2001; he took great pride in his three children, Brad Buchanan,
8 Brett Buchanan, and Jen Silver, and in his eight grandchildren,
9 Abby, Will, Ava, Violet, Jack, Vivian, Shepherd, and Henry; and

10 WHEREAS, Steve Warren enriched the lives of countless people,
11 and while his death has brought great sadness to all who knew him,
12 they will forever treasure their memories of his humor, warmth, and
13 kindness; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Stephen Avery Warren
16 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be
17 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 Steve
21 Warren.