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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 Alton Raymond Samsel of Pleasanton on August 8, 2020, at
3 the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Otto and Ida Samsel, Ray Samsel was born
5 in Von Ormy on September 28, 1938; he served in the U.S. Navy as an
6 electronics technician aboard a repair ship; after four years in
7 the military, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in physics from
8 St. Mary's University while working at Kelly Air Force Base; over
9 the course of a career that spanned 42 years, he was employed as a
10 physicist, lab supervisor, project engineer, program manager, and
11 supervisor in the Avionics Intermediate Support Repair Program; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Samsel shared a rewarding marriage of 25 years
13 with his wife, Sue; he took great pride in a fine family that
14 included his 4 children, Donna, Roger, Gary, and Susan, and 2
15 stepchildren, Matt and Lisa, as well as 15 grandchildren and
16 step-grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; benefiting his
17 community, he served on Pleasanton's Charter Review Committee and
18 Planning and Zoning Commission; he helped shape the city's master
19 plan, and as a member of a long-range planning committee, he worked
20 to develop the successful 2015 Pleasanton ISD school bond package;
21 moreover, he served on the Atascosa County Early Voting Ballot
22 Board; in recent years, he and his wife were very active with
23 assisting stray and surrendered pets as members of Atascosa Animal
24 Allies; and

1 WHEREAS, Ray Samsel made a meaningful difference in the lives
2 of his loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and he will always be
3 remembered with great affection by those he left behind; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Alton Raymond Samsel
7 and extend sincere sympathy 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 Ray Samsel.