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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of the Reverend Bryan Dunagan of Dallas on
3 October 26, 2023, at the age of 44; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Deborah and Michael Dunagan, Bryan
5 Dunagan was born in Dallas on September 21, 1979; he moved to
6 Houston during middle school and earned his bachelor's degree in
7 political science from Stanford University, where he was active in
8 campus ministries and played lacrosse; he went on to earn a master
9 of divinity degree from Regent College and a doctor of ministry
10 degree from Fuller Theological Seminary; he served congregations in
11 California, Washington State, and Houston before becoming a
12 teaching pastor at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, where
13 he expanded youth outreach and increased attendance; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Dunagan was installed as senior pastor of
15 Highland Park Presbyterian Church in 2014, at the age of 34; he
16 guided the congregation through a denominational change, a major
17 building campaign, and the upheaval of the COVID-19 pandemic; in
18 addition, he led the planting of three local churches, Peak Street
19 Church, Grace Church Lake Highlands, and Good Shepherd Oak Cliff; a
20 gifted scholar and communicator with a self-deprecating sense of
21 humor, he was able to distill his wide-ranging theological
22 scholarship for a general audience, sometimes incorporating
23 relevant pop culture references; under his leadership, the church
24 experienced record growth; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2008, Reverend Dunagan married the former Alison
2 Wheeler; he championed her passion for global missions and they
3 shared their faith with people from Cuba and the Dominican Republic
4 to Kenya, Pakistan, and Turkey; the devoted couple was blessed with
5 three children, Annie, Wheeler, and Collier Jane; Reverend Dunagan
6 instilled in them a love of the great outdoors and enjoyed coaching
7 his son in lacrosse and cheering for his daughters at their athletic
8 events; and

9 WHEREAS, Bryan Dunagan touched countless lives through his
10 warmth, kindness, and compassion, and although his loss is
11 difficult to bear, he will forever be a source of inspiration to all
12 who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
15 the Reverend Bryan Dunagan and extend sincere sympathy to the
16 members of his family: to his wife, Ali Dunagan; to his children,
17 Annie, Wheeler, and Collier Jane Dunagan; to his father, Michael
18 Dunagan; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
19 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 Bryan
23 Dunagan.