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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the passing of
2 Bill W. Harper of Hideaway on August 10, 2023, at the age of 78; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Longview, Bill Harper was born on
4 October 10, 1944, to Bill and Floy Weeks Harper; he graduated from
5 Longview High School in 1963 before earning degrees in economics
6 and accounting from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Harper began his career working for Sears in
8 Longview, where he rose to the position of assistant store manager,
9 and he later struck out on his own and purchased a full-service Gulf
10 station; his business interests grew to include A-1 Rent-All, an
11 equipment and party rental store, which under his leadership
12 expanded to multiple locations across East Texas; he sold the
13 business in 1998 but continued to serve as a consultant to the new
14 owners, and during his semi-retirement, he settled in Hideaway; and

15 WHEREAS, Devoted to his loved ones, Mr. Harper shared a
16 rewarding marriage with his wife, Donna, and he took great pride in
17 his sons, Casey Harper and Chris Harper, who preceded his father in
18 death; with the passing years, the family grew to include four
19 granddaughters, Colby, Hannah, Lanie, and Madison, and two
20 great-granddaughters, Harper and Kora; and

21 WHEREAS, Among his many hobbies, Mr. Harper was an avid
22 fisherman who spent countless days on the water at Lake Cherokee,
23 Lake Palestine, and Hideaway Lake, and he greatly enjoyed taking RV
24 trips with Mrs. Harper and his dogs, visiting locations across the

1 U.S.; he was also passionate about collectible cars, including his
2 prized 50th Anniversary Corvette; a man of faith, he was a member of
3 ChristPoint Methodist Church Lindale; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Harper lived a life that was rich in meaningful
5 achievements, and he will forever be remembered with deep
6 admiration and affection by all those who held him dear; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
9 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bill W. Harper
10 and extend sincere sympathy to his family and friends; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
14 day, it do so in memory of Bill Harper.