By: Hughes S.R. No. 69

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories

of Billy Daryl Pyron of Tyler, who passed away on May 18, 2025, at

3 the age of 85; and

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WHEREAS, Born in Tyler on November 20, 1939, to Eddie and Ona

5 Pyron, Billy Pyron grew up with the companionship of his brothers,

6 Bobby and Mike; he was a member of the Tyler High School Class of

7 1958 and went on to attend Tyler Junior College; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Pyron enjoyed a rewarding career in commercial

9 real estate; his many efforts included founding Pyron Investments,

10 and he was instrumental in the development of south Tyler; active in

11 the community, he was a member of the Cedars of Lebanon and the

12 Willow Brook and Hollytree Country Clubs as well as a proud

13 supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Tunnel

14 to Towers Foundation; a man of faith, he grew up as a member of

15 Central Baptist Church, and he later attended Cathedral of the

16 Immaculate Conception for many years; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Pyron was the proud father of four children,

18 Merilyn, Shelley, Rhonda, and Billy, and with the passing years, he

19 delighted in becoming "Big Daddy" to his six grandchildren, Hunter,

20 Morgan, Clayton, Carley, Cole, and Billy, and to his

21 great-grandchildren; in all his endeavors, he benefited from the

22 love and support of his longtime companion, Judith; he treasured

23 spending time with his loved ones, especially at Lake Palestine and

24 on family trips in the motorhome; he also enjoyed collecting unique

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- 1 sports cars and rooting for the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas
- 2 Longhorns; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Admired for his generosity, his wonderful sense of
- 4 humor, and his devotion to his family and friends, Billy Pyron lived
- 5 a life that was rich in personal and professional achievements, and
- 6 he will forever be a source of inspiration to those he leaves
- 7 behind; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
- 9 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Billy Daryl
- 10 Pyron and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
- 11 to his longtime companion, Judith D. Elliott; to his daughters,
- 12 Merilyn Hartley, Shelley Simpson and her husband, John, and Rhonda
- 13 Overbergen and her husband, Todd; to his children's mother,
- 14 Merigale Manziel Pyron; to his grandchildren, Hunter Hartley and
- 15 his wife, Jennifer, Morgan Hartley and her husband, William,
- 16 Clayton, Carley, and Cole Overbergen, and Billy Pyron III; to his
- 17 great-grandchildren; and to his many other relatives and friends;
- 18 and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
- 21 day, it do so in memory of Billy Pyron.