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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends of Luke W. Mercer Sr. of Austin, who passed away on August 8, 2026, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, The son of Nathaniel and Emma Lillian Mercer, Luke Mercer was born on August 7, 1940, in Round Rock and grew up with the companionship of his two brothers, Steve Mercer and the late Nathaniel Mercer; he proved himself a gifted athlete while attending Round Rock High School and O. L. Price High School in Taylor, excelling as an offensive lineman in football and helping establish the basketball program at Price High; and

WHEREAS, In the course of his career, Mr. Mercer was employed by a variety of companies, including Austin White Lime Company, McNeil Moody Mayfield, H-E-B, Robert J. Stone & Company, and Tracor; he later transitioned into public service and worked as a Travis County deputy sheriff for 22 years; determined to further benefit his community, he successfully ran for Precinct One constable in Travis County and went on to hold that office for a decade; and

WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Mercer was a prominent member of the congregation at Mt. Zion Baptist Church; he served in the men's ministry, as a trustee, and as a member and chair of the deacon board, and he was ultimately awarded the title of chair emeritus; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Mercer enjoyed the love and support of his wife of nearly 66 years, Tommie, and he was a devoted father to his four children, Carolyn, Mona, Luke, and Carmen, who preceded her father in death; through the years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include seven grandchildren, Ashley, Ann, Abigail, Alan, Meyona, Mauriann, and Monet, and one great-grandson, Lamar; and

WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his community, Luke Mercer earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 90th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Luke W. Mercer Sr. and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Luke Mercer.