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RESOLUTION ON PIANKAFICATION. — WHEREAS Eric R. Pianka survived a potentially deadly childhood experience, and

WHEREAS Eric has been a life member of the ASIH since the time he was in high school, thereby saving himself from a lifetime of dues, and

WHEREAS Eric has had a profound influence on the science of herpetology — particularly in the area of desert lizard ecology, and

WHEREAS Eric published his first scientific paper in *Herpetologica*, to be followed by over 100 more in various journals, and

WHEREAS Eric’s years in the field have set the standard both for natural history and for ecological studies, resulting in publications that have laid the foundation for research programs that will undoubtedly outlive even his bison farm, and

WHEREAS Eric authored the book *Evolutionary Ecology*, now in its 6th edition and soon to be available in eight languages, and

WHEREAS along with Eric’s many books and publications, his web site, including his 10 commandments, open letter to prospective graduate students, and “obituary” should become mandatory reading for all graduate students, and

WHEREAS we who are getting on in years particularly like the one about honoring your predecessors, and

WHEREAS the title of Eric’s popular autobiography, *The Lizard Man Speaks*, was changed to mollify the publishers; the result being that the herpetological community is precluded from the opportunity to cite *The Yank Down Under*, a title akin to that of one featuring well-known stars belonging to the adult-film industry, and

WHEREAS Eric was honored at these meetings as Distinguished Herpetologist, and

WHEREAS Eric delivered an emotional and heartfelt keynote address to the JMIH, and

WHEREAS Rick Shine has coined the term “piankafication” to describe Dr. Pianka’s vast and immeasurable influence on several fields of evolutionary ecology, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the JMIH submit a petition to Merriam-Webster for the inclusion of the word piankafication (verb, piankafy), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this term be widely adopted by members and used widely in publications.