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H.R. No. 32

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Fort Worth community lost an admired businessman
2 and philanthropist with the passing of Ed Schollmaier on September
3 16, 2021, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of German immigrants, Ed Schollmaier was
5 born in Cincinnati in 1933; while earning his bachelor's degree at
6 the University of Cincinnati, he met his future wife, Rae, and the
7 couple exchanged wedding vows in 1954; and

8 WHEREAS, After receiving his master's degree from Harvard
9 Business School, Mr. Schollmaier began his business career in
10 Pittsburgh with a sales position at Alcon; in 1961, he transferred
11 to Fort Worth, where the company's headquarters was located, and
12 the city would become his family's adopted home; he was appointed
13 president of Alcon and went on to serve as CEO from 1972 to 1997,
14 helping the company grow into a global leader in eye care; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Schollmaier and his wife established the
16 Schollmaier Foundation, which gives generously to a host of causes
17 in the arts, education, and health services; he was also a driving
18 force in the expansion of Texas Christian University, where he
19 served on the board of trustees for 25 years; in addition, the
20 Schollmaiers donated the lead gift for the \$72 million renovation
21 of the university's basketball arena, which is named in their
22 honor; over the years, Mr. Schollmaier received a multitude of
23 accolades, including the 2015 Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange
24 Club of Fort Worth as well as awards from TCU, Texas Wesleyan

University, and the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Schollmaier shared more than six decades of marriage before her death in 2015; they were loving parents to their son, Taylor, and with the passing years, their family grew to include two grandchildren, Elsa and Teo; and

WHEREAS, Although the loss of Ed Schollmaier has brought deep sorrow to all who shared in his love and friendship, he leaves behind a legacy of good works that will continue to resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Ed Schollmaier and extend sincere sympathy to his family and friends; 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 Ed Schollmaier.