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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Clifton J. Bolner of
2 San Antonio were deeply saddened by his death on January 10, 2023,
3 at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Joe and Josephine Bolner, Clif Bolner was
5 born in San Antonio on July 30, 1928, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of his sister, Peggy; after graduating from Central
7 Catholic High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in business
8 from Texas A&M University, and he played clarinet and saxophone in
9 both the Central and Aggie bands; and

10 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Bolner
11 joined the U.S. Air Force in 1949, and he served at Kelly Air Force
12 Base; along the way, he worked as a partner and butcher at Bolner's
13 Grocery, which was owned by his father; he sold his share of the
14 store in 1955, and subsequently established Bolner's Fiesta Spices,
15 which he ably led for more than six decades; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his community, Mr. Bolner
17 served as vice chair of the San Antonio Symphony board as well as
18 chair of the Witte Museum board; among his many achievements, he was
19 recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus by Texas A&M University, the
20 Texas A&M Mays Business School, and the Central Catholic High
21 School Alumni Association, and he received the Brotherhood Award
22 from the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Bolner shared nearly six decades of marriage
24 with his first wife, Rosalie, before her passing in 2008; fortunate

1 enough to find love again, he enjoyed a rewarding union with his
2 second wife, Mary Jo Biedeger, who also preceded him in death; he
3 took great pride in his eight children, Tim, Mike, Debbie, Cindy,
4 Beverly, Chris, Mary Beth, and Mary Paulette, and over the years, he
5 had the pleasure of welcoming into his family 27 grandchildren and
6 19 great-grandchildren; during his leisure hours, he liked to spend
7 time in the Rocky Mountains and the Texas Hill Country and at the
8 Texas coast; and

9 WHEREAS, An engaged citizen, a dedicated family man, and an
10 admired business leader, Clif Bolner leaves behind a record of
11 achievements that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 1st
14 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clifton
15 J. Bolner and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his
16 passing; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
19 day, it do so in memory of Clif Bolner.