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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Dr. John Frederic Parrish of Houston on July 7, 2023, at
3 the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of George Theodor Parrish and Frances Emma
5 Kneip Parrish, John Parrish was born in Wilmar, California, on
6 January 14, 1943; he graduated from Buena Park High School in 1961;
7 in his younger years, he appeared on a ballroom dancing television
8 show, and he tried his hand at acting before earning a bachelor's
9 degree in physics from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles;
10 in 1970, he received both a master's degree and a doctorate in
11 physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Parrish enjoyed a rewarding career as a
13 geophysicist at Shell Oil Company that spanned 30 years, and he held
14 a number of patents; following his retirement, he maintained a
15 geophysical consulting practice, PeriSeis Company, and served as a
16 consultant at Knowledge Reservoir and Geokinetics; he was also
17 involved in the local municipal utility district for more than two
18 decades, and he taught physics at Lone Star College for several
19 years; and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Parrish benefited from the
21 love and support of his wife, Donna, with whom he shared more than
22 five decades of marriage; he took great pride in their children,
23 Stephanie and Colin, and he had the pleasure of welcoming into his
24 family four grandchildren, Alexander, Colin, Miles, and Harper;

1 dedicated to his community, he was an active volunteer in Scouts
2 BSA, Civil Air Patrol, Knights of Columbus, and other church
3 groups; and

4 WHEREAS, While the death of Dr. John Parrish brings
5 immeasurable sorrow to his family and friends, he leaves behind a
6 legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
10 of Dr. John Frederic Parrish and extend heartfelt sympathy to the
11 members of his family: to his wife, Donna; to his daughter,
12 Stephanie Snyder, and her husband, Tom; to his son, Colin Parrish,
13 and his wife, Anneliese Vogel; to his four grandchildren, Alexander
14 Snyder, Colin Parrish II, Miles Parrish, and Harper Parrish; to his
15 brother, Richard Parrish; and to his other relatives and many
16 friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. John
20 Parrish.