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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Martin Needham Lee of Bronte, who passed away on October 10,
3 2023, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Hurlin Dewitt Lee and Eula Verne Nixon,
5 Martin Lee was born in Ballinger on June 22, 1938, and he grew up on
6 his family's ranch in Coke and Runnels Counties with the
7 companionship of his brother, Tom; he graduated from Bronte High
8 School in 1956; and

9 WHEREAS, A successful entrepreneur, Mr. Lee was involved in
10 real estate sales and investments, oil and gas operations, general
11 building construction, and land development over the course of his
12 multifaceted career; in 1962, he established a ranch real estate
13 firm, which is now known as Lee, Lee & Puckitt Associates, Inc.; his
14 integrity and attention to detail were integral to the business's
15 growth, and he became a prominent figure overseeing large ranch
16 transactions; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was deeply engaged in the Bronte community,
18 serving on the city council for 8 years and as mayor for 18 years;
19 moreover, he gave generously of his time and talents to numerous
20 organizations, boards, and committees, including the Masons, the
21 Bronte Lions Club, the Bronte Chamber of Commerce, and the Upper
22 Colorado River Authority Board of Directors; he also served on the
23 board of the Howard College Foundation for 26 years and received an
24 honorary degree for his invaluable work; a man of strong faith, he

1 was a dedicated congregant of Bronte Methodist Church; and

2 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Lee treasured his family; he
3 shared a fulfilling marriage of 66 years with his high school
4 sweetheart, Patricia, and he took great pride in his children,
5 Lisa, Sheila, and Stephen; with the passing years, he had the
6 pleasure of seeing his family grow to include nine grandchildren,
7 Alexander, Sterling, Tiffany, Chase, Kelsey, Jarrett, Jordan,
8 Jacy, and Katie, six great-grandchildren, Cambrey, Caitlin,
9 Cameron, Colin, Archer, and Jenna, and two
10 great-great-grandchildren, Bauer and Brecklyn; in his leisure
11 time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with family
12 and friends at his vacation home in Ruidoso, New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his loved ones and his
14 community, Martin Lee earned the lasting respect and admiration of
15 all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
18 of Martin Needham Lee and extend sincere condolences to his family
19 and friends; and, be it further

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