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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. Robert N. Barnes of Temple on December 27, 2021, at
3 the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Dewey and Ruth Barnes, Bob Barnes was born
5 in Oklahoma City on March 22, 1929, and during his youth, he worked
6 odd jobs to help support his family; he completed his bachelor's
7 degree at the University of Oklahoma and went on to study internal
8 medicine and cardiology at the OU College of Medicine; answering
9 his nation's call to duty, he served with the U.S. Coast Guard in
10 Seattle, attaining the rank of commander; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Barnes began his career with the Temple Veterans
12 Administration Medical Center in 1960, and he rose to become chief
13 of cardiology and assistant chief of internal medicine before his
14 retirement in 1993; he also taught classes at the Texas A&M College
15 of Medicine for 14 years and was later employed with the Texas
16 Department of Aging and Disability Services for more than a decade;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Among his many achievements, Dr. Barnes received a
19 number of honors in recognition of his work as an educator,
20 including the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M
21 University Distinguished Teaching Award and the Baylor Scott &
22 White Health Interns and Residents Best Clinical Physician and
23 Teacher award; moreover, he was named the Cardiovascular Diseases
24 Teacher of the Year by the American Heart Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Barnes was blessed with the love and support of
2 his wife, JoAnn, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage that
3 spanned 64 years; he took great pride in their children, David and
4 Dianne, and with the passage of time, he had the pleasure of
5 welcoming into his family three grandchildren, Kristine, Danielle,
6 and Kathleen, and two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Lorelai; and

7 WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Dr. Barnes was a longtime
8 member of First Baptist Church of Temple, where he served as a
9 deacon; in addition, he and his wife established and led the
10 church's Sunday school couples class; in his leisure hours, he
11 enjoyed studying classical music and composers, building model
12 train landscapes, collecting stamps and rare coins, and cheering on
13 the OU Sooners and the Dallas Cowboys; and

14 WHEREAS, While the death of Bob Barnes brings great sadness
15 to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that will long
16 be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Robert N.
19 Barnes and extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it
20 further

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