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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Dallas lost an esteemed businessman and  
2 civic leader with the passing of Gerald Wayne Fronterhouse on  
3 September 17, 2022, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Ada, Oklahoma, on May 22, 1936, Jerry  
5 Fronterhouse was the son of Victor and Austa Fronterhouse; he  
6 earned his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from the  
7 University of Oklahoma, where he played football and served as  
8 battalion commander for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps;  
9 following two years in the U.S. Navy, he completed his MBA at  
10 Harvard Business School and began his career as a credit analyst  
11 with Republic National Bank; he rose quickly in the company,  
12 becoming president and chief operating officer at just 42; after  
13 Republic's merger with First National, he was named chair and CEO of  
14 First Republic, one of the country's largest bank holding  
15 companies; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Fronterhouse served on the board of Texas  
17 Instruments and many other companies; moreover, he gave freely of  
18 his time and expertise as a member of the boards of numerous  
19 nonprofit organizations, including the Hoblitzelle Foundation, UT  
20 Southwestern Medical Foundation, Children's Medical Foundation,  
21 Dallas Citizens Council, State Fair of Texas, Lamplighter School,  
22 Hockaday School, and Highland Park United Methodist Church; he was  
23 also a generous supporter of Harvard Business School; and

24 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Fronterhouse shared a

1 fulfilling marriage of 53 years with his college sweetheart, the  
2 former Gretchen Gover; they were blessed with two children, Jenny  
3 and Jeff; following the death of his first wife in 2012, he was  
4 fortunate enough to find another great love with Annette Caldwell  
5 Simmons, and they wed on Valentine's Day in 2016; he was a source of  
6 encouragement and wise counsel to his nine grandchildren, Brant,  
7 Lindsey, Lauren, Blake, Laney, Carson, Hayden, Alex, and Kara, and  
8 he delighted in the arrival of four great-grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Jerry Fronterhouse was admired not only for his  
10 accomplishments, but also for his warmth, kindness, integrity, and  
11 optimism, and he will be remembered with deep affection by all who  
12 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gerald Wayne  
15 Fronterhouse and extend sincere sympathy to his family 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 Jerry  
20 Fronterhouse.