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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 Eugene P. Toscano of San Antonio on February 23, 2023, at
3 the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Cleofas and Anastacio Toscano, Gene
5 Toscano was born in San Antonio on June 8, 1933, and he grew up with
6 the companionship of four brothers, Lionel, Joseph, John, and
7 Henry; he graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1950 and
8 received a music scholarship to attend St. Mary's University, where
9 he earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1954; and

10 WHEREAS, An accomplished trumpet player, Mr. Toscano played
11 salsa and tropical music in downtown San Antonio during his youth,
12 and he went on to participate in a nationwide tour with Rosita
13 Fernandez and Pedro Gonzalez-Gonzalez; answering his nation's call
14 to duty, he served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957, and he played
15 trumpet in the Fifth Army Band during his time stationed in Germany;
16 to help support his family, he continued to play trumpet with a
17 number of orchestras while attending St. Mary's University School
18 of Law, and he obtained his law degree in 1961; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Toscano established the Gene Toscano, Inc., law
20 firm in San Antonio in 1965, and over the course of his career as an
21 attorney, he helped resolve thousands of legal disputes; he retired
22 in 2018, after 57 years of service in the legal profession; along
23 the way, he also worked as a real estate developer, political
24 commentator, rancher, bar owner, boxing promoter, and tire store

1 owner; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Toscano benefited from the
3 love and support of his wife, Esther, with whom he shared a
4 rewarding marriage that spanned nearly six decades; he took great
5 pride in their 5 children, Marisa, Gina, Andrew, Patrick, and
6 Monica, and he had the pleasure of welcoming into his family 11
7 grandchildren; during his leisure time, he enjoyed horse racing,
8 following baseball, and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys, and he was
9 passionate about music and salsa dancing; and

10 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Gene Toscano
11 will always remember the way he touched their lives with his warmth,
12 kindness, and delightful sense of humor, and they will forever hold
13 him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Eugene P. Toscano
16 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones; 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 Gene
20 Toscano.