

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 Robert Cole Grable of Fort Worth on April 20, 2023, at
3 the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Charles and Esther Grable, Bob Grable was
5 born on April 21, 1946, in San Antonio and grew up in Tulsa,
6 Oklahoma, and in Dallas; he attended Hillcrest High School, where
7 he played varsity basketball; following his graduation in 1964, he
8 attended the University of California, Los Angeles, before
9 transferring to Southern Methodist University, where he was a
10 member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; he later graduated
11 from The University of Texas at Austin School of Law as the grand
12 chancellor; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Grable served as a naval legal officer in the
14 Judge Advocate General's Corps and was honorably discharged at the
15 rank of lieutenant; he went on to enjoy a successful career as an
16 attorney, working for Graves, Dougherty, Hearon, Moody & Garwood in
17 Austin and subsequently becoming a partner at Kelly Hart & Hallman
18 in Fort Worth; an expert in oil, gas, and mineral law, he chaired
19 that section of the State Bar of Texas, and he received numerous
20 awards in recognition of his professional accomplishments; he was
21 also a member of the Atmos Energy board of directors and chair of
22 The University of Texas Law School Foundation board; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1968, Mr. Grable married Marty Hallman, and the
24 couple shared 54 years together; he took great pride in their

1 children, Jeffrey and Laura, and their granddaughters, Annabelle
2 and Mary Frances; in his leisure time, he enjoyed playing golf; and

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

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Cole Grable and
8 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Martha Hallman Grable; to his son, Jeffrey Grable, and his
10 wife, Maureen; to his daughter, Laura Thomas, and her husband, Ben;
11 to his granddaughters, Annabelle and Mary Frances Grable; to his
12 brother, Charles Grable; to his sister, Sue Stamper; and to his many
13 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob Grable.

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H.R. No. 1780

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1780 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House