

By: Pitts

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Waco lost a valued friend and
2 esteemed civic leader with the death of Aaron Hoppenstein on
3 February 14, 2004, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, This distinguished gentleman graduated from Waco
5 High School, where he was elected student council president, before
6 enrolling at Baylor University; answering the call to aid his
7 country, Mr. Hoppenstein joined the U.S. Navy and valiantly served
8 as a lieutenant in the Pacific before returning to Baylor to
9 complete his education; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoppenstein pursued a career as an independent
11 insurance agent and excelled in his chosen vocation, eventually
12 earning the North American Insurance Company's "Agent of the Year"
13 title in 1971; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoppenstein was involved in a host of noteworthy
15 organizations and served as president of both the Waco Mutual
16 Insurance Underwriters Association and the Economic Opportunities
17 Advancement Corporation; he was also appointed chair of the
18 Citizens Advisory Board to the Juvenile Judge for McLennan County
19 and was active in the Grand Jury Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Highly regarded in his community, he worked
21 tirelessly to enrich the lives of others; in addition to serving as
22 president and executive secretary of his local B'nai B'rith chapter
23 and vice president of the Southwestern Regional Advisory Board of
24 the Anti-Defamation League, he served on the board and as president

1 of Congregation Agudath Jacob and gave of his time and talents to
2 benefit the Heart of Texas Lions Club, diligently supporting their
3 many worthwhile programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoppenstein was recognized for his outstanding
5 efforts when he received the prestigious Liberty Bell Award and was
6 honored with resolutions by the McLennan County Commissioners Court
7 and the Texas Senate for his contributions to the betterment of
8 humanity; and

9 WHEREAS, The devoted husband of Shirley Hoppenstein and
10 father of Sherri, Debra, Marla, and Susan, Mr. Hoppenstein was a
11 committed family man who took great pride in his six grandchildren;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Aaron
14 Hoppenstein will long remember his love of family and community, as
15 well as his generosity, integrity, and compassion; his legacy will
16 live on in the hearts of those whose lives he touched; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
20 Aaron Hoppenstein and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
21 family: to his wife, Shirley Lynn Hoppenstein; to his daughters,
22 Sherri Radoff, Debra Hoppenstein, Marla Oddes, and Susan Kluk; to
23 his grandchildren, Jennifer Radoff, Robert Radoff, Daniel Radoff,
24 Sivan Oddes, Zoe Oddes, and Amit Oddes; to his sister, Naomi Dunn;
25 to his brother, David Hoppenstein; and to the other relatives and
26 many friends of this fine man; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Aaron
3 Hoppenstein.