

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of noted scholar, teacher,
2 entrepreneur, and philanthropist Dr. George Kozmetsky on April 30,
3 2003, at the age of 85, has left a void in the lives of the countless
4 individuals who were privileged to know this exceptional man; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Seattle, Washington, on October 5, 1917, Dr.
6 Kozmetsky was the son of Russian immigrants who came to the United
7 States in search of freedom, prosperity, and a better way of life;
8 he earned his undergraduate degree from the University of
9 Washington and, after dutifully serving in the Army Medical Corps
10 during World War II, he continued his studies at Harvard
11 University, earning his master's of business administration and
12 doctoral degrees; and

13 WHEREAS, A man of boundless energy and enthusiasm, Dr.
14 Kozmetsky was a passionate and dedicated educator who began his
15 teaching career in his home state and later held teaching positions
16 at the University of Chicago and Carnegie Mellon University; the
17 classroom, however, could not contain his curious nature, and he
18 was compelled to venture into the business and industrial arenas in
19 the 1950s, first with Hughes Aircraft Company and then with Litton
20 Industries; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1960 he cofounded Teledyne, Inc., and began a
22 six-year tenure as executive vice president and driving force of
23 that extremely successful business venture; with the achievement of
24 many of his goals in the private sector, he sought a return to

1 academia and in 1966 was named dean of the College and Graduate
2 School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin, a post he
3 held and excelled in for 16 years, developing an innovative and
4 demanding curriculum that redefined the modern business school; and

5 WHEREAS, A desire to promote the growth of technology in the
6 private sector led him to found IC² Institute in 1982, an endeavor
7 that helped usher Austin into the world of high technology and
8 helped Dr. Kozmetsky become affectionately known as the grandfather
9 of Austin's high tech industry; he also played a role in the
10 establishment of the venerable Austin Technology Incubator and
11 Texas Capital Networks; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Kozmetsky was a dedicated philanthropist who
13 created the RGK Foundation with his wife, Ronya, in 1966; through
14 the years, the foundation distributed tens of millions of dollars
15 to hundreds of nonprofit organizations; the foundation's
16 philanthropic endeavors ranged from offering grants for students to
17 rehabilitating areas ravaged by natural disasters; and

18 WHEREAS, The remarkable achievements of Dr. Kozmetsky have
19 had a profound effect on citizens of this community and, indeed,
20 citizens throughout the world, and although his loss has been
21 devastating to those who knew and loved him, his legacy of
22 generosity and success will ensure that his memory is not soon
23 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. George Kozmetsky
26 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
27 wife, Ronya Kozmetsky; to his daughter, Nadya Scott; to his son and

1 daughter-in-law, Gregory and Cindy Kozmetsky; to his
2 grandchildren, Aaron Kozmetsky and his wife, Tracey; Bethany Scott
3 Herwegh and her husband, Christopher; Daniel Kozmetsky; M. Jordan
4 Scott; George Taylor Scott; Sarah Kozmetsky; and Caitlin Scott; to
5 his great-grandchildren, Jack, Will, Claire, and Mason; and to the
6 many other relatives, friends, and colleagues of this esteemed
7 gentleman; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. George
11 Kozmetsky.

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Rodriguez
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Craddick	Geren	Mercer
Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
Edwards	Kuempel	Truitt
Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

H.R. No. 1270

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1270 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 21, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House