## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The community of Georgetown and the State of Texas suffered a great loss with the death of Robert "Skip" Morse, judge of Williamson County Court at Law No. 2, on April 12, 2002, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Ball High School in Galveston, Judge Morse attended Southwestern University, where he received his bachelor's degree in business administration, before serving in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956; four years later, he earned his doctor of jurisprudence degree from The University of Texas School of Law and then embarked on a successful career in the fields of law and finance; and

WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan brought exceptional business acumen to his work at the Certified Savings Association, serving as attorney, president, and chairman over the course of his illustrious 24-year tenure; a municipal judge for the City of Georgetown from 1966 to 1971, he maintained a successful private law practice for more than three decades and in 1991 became a judge with Williamson County Court at Law No. 2, an office he held with distinction until his passing in 2002; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work as a public servant, Judge
Morse was well known throughout the community for his work as a
dedicated civic leader in behalf of a host of organizations,
including the Georgetown Rotary Club, the Georgetown
Sesquicentennial Commission, and the Greater Georgetown Area

- 1 Chamber of Commerce; a devoted member of the First United Methodist
- 2 Church, he joined with his wife of nearly five decades, Jo Ann, in
- 3 taking immense delight over the years in the couple's four children
- 4 and six grandchildren; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judge Robert "Skip"
- 7 Morse and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
- 8 his wife, Jo Ann Long Morse; to his daughters and son-in-law,
- 9 Elizabeth L. "Libis" Gray and Deborah and William Ford; to his sons
- 10 and daughters-in-law, Robert and Suzanne Morse and Gordon and Mary
- 11 Morse; to his grandchildren, Meredith Lind Ford, Brandon D. L.
- 12 Morse, William Garrett Ford, Houston E. L. Morse, Jennifer S.
- 13 Morse, and Sydney E. Morse; to his sisters, Patricia McNeely and
- 14 Anna M. Dodge; to his brother, Bleecker Lansing Morse, Jr.; and to
- 15 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 17 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
- 18 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge
- 19 Robert "Skip" Morse.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1442 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House