## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joseph Cannon Froh of Austin passed away on January 15, 2002, and his death is still keenly felt by his family and a multitude of friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Froh graduated from high school in San Marcos and earned a football scholarship to Rice University under legendary coach Jess Neely; often relegated to the role of benchwarmer, this enthusiastic athlete let his excitement get the better of him on one occasion when he took the liberty of substituting himself into a game; after one play, he was summarily pulled from the game and informed by Coach Neely that he would never again play a down of football at Rice University, though fortunately the incident did little to quench the irrepressible spirit that would endear him to many throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Continuing his education in his hometown, Mr. Froh earned a business degree from Southwest Texas State University; far from restricting his interests to academics alone, he learned to dance in preparation for his first date with Mary Lou Hubbard, who would become his cherished wife on February 1, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Froh served as an administrator at the Austin State School and worked for the Texas Highway Department before joining the staff of the Employees Retirement System of Texas in 1982; he went on to excel in the posts of director of member benefits and director of public information during his 17-year tenure with ERS, and in 1992 he was recruited to begin the first

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- 1 dedicated field service program for the Texas County and District
- 2 Retirement System (TCDRS); and
- 3 WHEREAS, The exemplary leadership Mr. Froh brought to his
- 4 duties at TCDRS resulted in his appointment as system director on
- 5 January 1, 2001, and during his all-too-brief tenure, this esteemed
- 6 gentleman had a profound and positive effect on the system; he
- 7 worked hard to ensure that its members received the highest level of
- 8 service possible, while routinely demonstrating to his employees
- 9 how much he valued their contributions to the organization; and
- 10 WHEREAS, A well-known and admired regular around the State
- 11 Capitol, the "candy man" earned the respect and friendship of many
- 12 for his dedication to those he represented, his quick wit, and his
- 13 seemingly endless supply of bite-size Snickers; and
- 14 WHEREAS, While Joe Froh was known for dispensing sweet
- 15 treats, the most cherished gifts he gave to family, friends, and
- 16 coworkers were a joyful view of the world and a kind and genial
- 17 nature; as those who knew him best can attest, Mr. Froh often
- 18 advised others to "Do what they can, then go on down the road,"
- 19 advice they now follow in remembrance of this good and humble man;
- 20 now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 22 Legislature hereby honor the life of Joseph Cannon Froh and extend
- 23 deepest sympathy to his wife, Lou, to his daughters, Melanie,
- 24 Marci, and Michelle, to his son-in-law, Dave, and to his countless
- 25 friends; and, be it further
- 26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

- 1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joseph
- 2 Cannon Froh.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1490 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 26, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House