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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joseph Cannon Froh of Austin passed away on January  
2 15, 2002, and his death is still keenly felt by his family and a  
3 multitude of friends; and

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

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

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Froh served as an administrator at the Austin  
20 State School and worked for the Texas Highway Department before  
21 joining the staff of the Employees Retirement System of Texas in  
22 1982; he went on to excel in the posts of director of member  
23 benefits and director of public information during his 17-year  
24 tenure with ERS, and in 1992 he was recruited to begin the first

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

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