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S.C.R. No. 18

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, State law (Section 2165.256, Government Code)
2 specifies those persons eligible for burial in the State Cemetery
3 and authorizes the legislature to grant eligibility to other
4 persons through the adoption of a concurrent resolution; and

5 WHEREAS, The late Steven Leslie Martin, a native Texan who
6 passed away on March 1, 2003, served as the first chief
7 administrative law judge of the State Office of Administrative
8 Hearings, and in that capacity he fulfilled the monumental task of
9 identifying and marshaling the resources, political support, and
10 human talent needed to bring to fruition an ideal for improved
11 justice; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin performed an invaluable service to this
13 state through his organization of the State Office of
14 Administrative Hearings in 1991 and his subsequent management of
15 the office, efforts that have substantially improved the quality
16 and availability of justice for all Texans; and

17 WHEREAS, This exemplary Texan was appointed by Governor Ann
18 Richards, with the confirmation of the Texas Senate, to serve as the
19 first chief administrative law judge in 1991, and, in recognition
20 of his exceptional accomplishments in that post, he earned
21 reappointment by Governor George W. Bush for a second term in 1995;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas School of Law,
24 Mr. Martin ably served in the appointed position of assistant

1 attorney general, and he also applied his considerable expertise
2 and dedication as a legal advisor and counselor to the Texas
3 Department of Banking and the Texas Department of Community
4 Affairs; and

5 WHEREAS, The high esteem in which Mr. Martin was held was
6 reflected by his election as president of the Texas Young Lawyers
7 Association, and he further provided superb leadership and guidance
8 as a director of the State Bar of Texas and as a member of its
9 executive committee; and

10 WHEREAS, A recognized leader in the development and progress
11 of the practice of Texas administrative law, he authored *West's*
12 *Texas Forms*, the first published work on the forms and practices
13 before Texas administrative agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Steven Leslie Martin aspired to
15 serve his fellow citizens as a counselor, as well as an executive
16 and legal representative of the government of the State of Texas,
17 and his commitment and ability to meet that worthy goal was
18 diminished only by his untimely death at the age of 46; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby authorize the burial of Steven Leslie Martin in the State
22 Cemetery, provided the State Cemetery Committee indicates its
23 approval as required by law; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for and sincere sympathy extended to the members of his
26 family: to his wife, Rachael Martin; to his daughter, Erica
27 Piedfort de Moran; to his father, Maurice Martin; to his sister,

1 Michelle Martin; and to the other relatives and many friends of this
2 esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That when the Texas House of Representatives and
4 Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of Steven Leslie
5 Martin.