

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 882

In Memory  
of  
George Kozmetsky

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Dr. George Kozmetsky, who died April 30, 2003, at the age of 85; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kozmetsky was born in Seattle, Washington, on October 5, 1917, to George and Nadya Omelanitz Kozmetsky; he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in 1937 and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University in 1947; he later returned to Harvard and earned a doctorate in commercial science in 1957; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kozmetsky served his country as an Army medical corps officer during World War II and was awarded a Bronze Star, a Silver Star, and a Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, One of the most innovative businessmen in the nation, Dr. Kozmetsky cofounded Teledyne, Incorporated, a defense electronics company, in 1960; the corporation grew into an amalgam of 130 companies that produced a broad spectrum of products, including sophisticated electronics, engine tools, stereo speakers, and seismic systems to monitor earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kozmetsky served as dean of the College and Graduate School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin for 16 years; assisted by the university, he established the IC<sup>2</sup> Institute, which operates the Austin Technology Incubator and the Clean Energy Incubator and sponsors research around the world on economic and technology issues; he also served as the executive associate for economic affairs for The University of Texas System; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kozmetsky was the coauthor of *Modern American Capitalism*, *Global Economic Competition*, and *Zero Time*; and

**WHEREAS**, A noted philanthropist, Dr. Kozmetsky created the RGK Foundation with his wife, Ronya, in 1966; the foundation has distributed millions of dollars to hundreds of not-for-profit corporations in Texas and elsewhere and has supported a wide range of projects, such as mathematics and science education programs in California and housing for hurricane victims in Honduras; George and Ronya also gave generously to Austin art and civic organizations and to The University of Texas at Austin and Saint Edward's University, and they recently funded joint research at The University of Texas and Stanford University into technology and global prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, A visionary who considered education a prime force in moving society forward, George Kozmetsky brought wide understanding and expertise to the collaboration between educational institutions, government, and businesses to spur technological growth; he was awarded the National Medal of Technology Award by President Clinton in 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kozmetsky lent his wealth of knowledge to numerous corporate boards, including Gulf Oil, La Quinta,

Heizer, Incorporated, and Dell Corporation; he also served on state and federal task forces, commissions, and policy boards and regularly provided special testimony on business and technology issues to state and federal legislators; and

**WHEREAS**, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, George Kozmetsky leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of George Kozmetsky: his wife, Ronya; his daughter, Nadya Scott; his son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Cindy Kozmetsky; and his seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of George Kozmetsky.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 15, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate