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H.R. No. 235

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Gary Thomas West on August 12,
2 2005, at the age of 54, the Dallas area has lost an able
3 businessman, a loving family man, and a valued member of the
4 community, and we join his family in mourning their loss; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Dallas, Mr. West attended Hillcrest High
6 School before going on to earn a degree in commercial insurance from
7 the University of North Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, On his graduation from college, he moved to Atlanta
9 to work at Alexander & Alexander, Inc.; it was there that he met his
10 wife, Mary Alice, and their relationship continued to grow in
11 mutual admiration and respect until his passing; and

12 WHEREAS, On returning to Dallas, Mr. West went to work with
13 Richard L. Jarrett, Sr., Inc.; in 1982 he joined the Green, Martin &
14 Miles agency as a partner, and three years later its name was
15 changed to Miles & West, Inc.; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1998 Miles & West was purchased in partnership
17 with Benchmark Bank, and Mr. West served as a vice president of the
18 bank, overseeing its insurance operations; and

19 WHEREAS, April 2001 marked another milestone in Mr. West's
20 career as the partnership was renamed TexasBancPartners Insurance
21 Agency, LLC, and he was selected as its president, a position he
22 held until his passing; and

23 WHEREAS, In 1990 Mr. West was honored as Chairman of the Year
24 by the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas, and from 1991 to 1992

1 he served as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of
2 Dallas; and

3 WHEREAS, A former president of the AMS User Group, he also
4 served on its board of directors and executive committee and
5 chaired its national conference, and in 2002 he was presented with
6 the organization's Louis E. Woodbury, Jr., leadership award; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. West drew strength from
8 his beloved wife and their two cherished sons, Mark and Scott, and
9 their regular Sunday night dinners and the companionship of his
10 "best friend," Charlie, were among his greatest pleasures; and

11 WHEREAS, Although saddened by his passing, Mr. West's family
12 and friends may take comfort from the fact that his was truly a life
13 well lived, and his irreplaceable spirit will continue to shine
14 brightly in the hearts of all those fortunate enough to have known
15 him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
18 Gary Thomas West and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
19 family: to his wife, Mary Alice; to his sons, Mark and Scott; to his
20 brothers and sisters-in-law, Chris and Joann West and Larry and Liz
21 West; to his mother, Betty; to his cousins, Jerry, Jimmy, and Judy
22 Ward; to his many nieces and nephews; and to his other family
23 members and many friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gary Thomas
27 West.