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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyous moments and
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of
3 Arthur Temple, Jr., who passed away on April 12, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Born April 8, 1920, in Texarkana, Arkansas,
5 Mr. Temple attended The University of Texas at Austin and served
6 his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Temple is considered to be one of the most
8 influential East Texans of the century; beginning his remarkable
9 business career as a bookkeeper with his grandfather's sawmill,
10 Southern Pine Lumber Company, he was made executive vice president
11 and general manager in 1948, and soon implemented changes that
12 would shape not only the business, but also the future of his
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, After the passing of his father in 1951, Mr. Temple
15 became president of the company; during his 22 years of leadership,
16 he helped to modernize the timber industry in East Texas, selling
17 particleboard and fiberboard from sawmill waste and milling and
18 selling plywood; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1973, the business, then known as Temple
20 Industries, merged with Time, Inc.; serving as group vice president
21 and member of the board, Mr. Temple was instrumental in a major
22 restructuring that resulted in the reconsolidation of forest
23 products, paper, packaging, and financial services into
24 Temple-Inland, a new company that eventually made it to Wall

1 Street; he went on to hold the position of chairman from 1984 to
2 1991, and chairman emeritus for the following few years; and

3 WHEREAS, This celebrated and innovative businessman will
4 also be remembered as a generous philanthropist who did much for the
5 sick, the working class, and the underserved; and

6 WHEREAS, A cofounder of the Hospice of the Pines, Mr. Temple
7 served on the boards of the Salvation Army and the Humane Society;
8 he insisted on higher wages and better housing conditions for his
9 employees, and as organizer and chairman of the board of the T. L.
10 L. Temple Foundation, he oversaw a host of beneficial projects,
11 including the building of libraries, schools, and other community
12 facilities, and provided support for the Texas Book Festival and
13 the Blanton Museum of Art; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Temple was similarly dedicated to the
15 preservation of the precious resources of our state; his tremendous
16 success in business was built on progressive timber conservation
17 and management practices, and the stature of this Texas giant was
18 akin to the soaring pines of the Big Thicket National Preserve, an
19 ecological treasure he fought to create; and

20 WHEREAS, Higher education was another of his many passions; a
21 proud supporter of Stephen F. Austin's College of Forestry, which
22 bears his name, he hired many of its graduates and had said on
23 several occasions that he considered it to be the best of its kind
24 in the nation; in addition to his work with SFA, Mr. Temple served
25 on the Texas State Board of Education, was a regent at Lamar
26 University, and a trustee for Duke University; and

27 WHEREAS, Few individuals have had such a profound and lasting

1 impact on their communities as Arthur Temple, Jr., and although he
2 will be greatly missed by many, his contributions and benevolent
3 deeds will long live in the hearts of those who knew this
4 compassionate, visionary man; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
7 Arthur Temple, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
8 his family: to his wife, Ann Shands Temple; to his son, Arthur
9 "Buddy" Temple III, and his wife, Ellen; to his daughter,
10 Charlotte; to his stepsons, David Wimp and Jay Shands and his wife,
11 Susie; to his stepdaughter, Becky Getter, and her husband, Kerry;
12 to his grandchildren, William "Spence" Spencer, Christopher
13 Spencer, Arthur Spencer, Katherine Zelanzny, Whitney Temple Grace,
14 John C. Hurst, Jr., Hannah Temple, and Susie Temple Duquette; to his
15 step-grandchildren, Rob Shands, Annie Brown, Richie Getter, Hill
16 Shands, and Matt Shands; to his great-grandchildren, Lilly and
17 Walter Duquette, Maggie Grace, Mary Ellen Sanders, Sam and Sarah
18 Spencer, Charlotte and Anna Spencer, and Tyler and Thomas Spencer;
19 to his sister, Ann Allen; to his brother-in-law, Bill Mayo; and to
20 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Arthur
24 Temple, Jr.