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H.R. No. 476

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family, colleagues, and friends mourn the untimely  
2 passing of Richard Clark Cilley of Austin on April 30, 2006, at the  
3 age of 55, and seek to still the pain of loss by remembering the joy  
4 and enthusiasm with which he lived his life; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in New York City on May 9, 1950, Richard Cilley  
6 graduated from Ball High School in Galveston in 1968 before earning  
7 a bachelor of arts with honors from The University of Texas at  
8 Austin in 1973; he returned to his alma mater years later, working  
9 as a teaching assistant in the classics department and earning a  
10 master's degree in classics in 1986; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Cilley enjoyed an active and varied career; he  
12 spent nearly a decade at Page Southerland Page, Inc., an  
13 architectural firm, before becoming a vice president in sales for  
14 Audi Investrigen Co. PSI, Inc.; later he served as president of  
15 Transcendent Consultants, Inc., and during the last year of his  
16 life he worked as a senior historian at Ecological Communications  
17 Corporation; and

18           WHEREAS, Devoted to the Austin community, Mr. Cilley served  
19 on the Austin Community College South Austin Campus Advisory Board;  
20 he was a valued member of St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church,  
21 where he served on the parish council; in his quest for a spiritual  
22 life, he found great sustenance at St. Elias; and

23           WHEREAS, Filled with a zest for life, Mr. Cilley was  
24 passionate about learning and over the years became fluent in

1 French, Italian, Spanish, Greek, German, and Arabic; he also took  
2 immense pleasure in cooking, enjoying almost nothing more than  
3 sharing food, drink, and conversation with friends and family; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Cilley was supported in all his endeavors by  
5 his wife, Barbara Higgins Cilley, with whom he shared 33 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Those fortunate to have known Richard Cilley will  
7 long remember his vivacious personality, his remarkable gift for  
8 knowledge, and his eager generosity to others; although he will be  
9 deeply missed, his spirit will shine brightly in the hearts of those  
10 who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
13 Richard Clark Cilley and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
14 his family: to his wife, Barbara Higgins Cilley; to his mother,  
15 Louise Browne Cilley; to his sister, Barbara Bledsoe and her  
16 husband, Billy Bledsoe; to his niece, Meredith Bledsoe; to his  
17 nephew, Andy Bledsoe; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard  
22 Clark Cilley.