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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Ted Anderson on March 28, 2006,
2 at the age of 84, the Corpus Christi community has lost a visionary
3 businessman, an accomplished attorney, and a civic leader of
4 compassion and wisdom; and

5 WHEREAS, Born March 9, 1922, in Colorado, Mr. Anderson moved
6 to Corpus Christi with his family in 1939; he attended Texas A&M
7 University and went on to serve in the U.S. Army in the Pacific
8 Theater of Operations during World War II; after the war, he entered
9 law school at The University of Texas, and on his graduation in
10 1948, he returned to his adopted hometown to embark on a career as
11 an attorney that would last half a century; and

12 WHEREAS, In the early 1950s, Mr. Anderson served as assistant
13 district attorney for Nueces County and in 1955, he cofounded
14 Corpus Christi Title Company; his notable accomplishments in both
15 law and real estate underscore his importance to Corpus Christi;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, A former director of the Nueces County Bar
18 Association, he was instrumental in the development of that
19 organization's Legal Aid Society, serving as its president for
20 several years; he also chaired the Legal Aid Committee and the
21 Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Corpus Christi Bar
22 Association, and helped to found *Corpus Christi Lawyer*, the
23 association's publication; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Anderson was active in the real

1 estate market, acquiring and developing numerous properties over
2 the years, including shopping centers and subdivisions in Corpus
3 Christi as well as acreage in Houston, Austin, and Temple; a member
4 of the Builders Association for the Corpus Christi Area board, he
5 coordinated a project to provide transitional housing for the
6 homeless; moreover, he served as president of the nonprofit
7 Builders Transitional Housing, Inc., formed the nonprofit Modesett
8 Foundation, and developed a Christian retreat center; and

9 WHEREAS, An active member of the Downtown Lions Club, this
10 esteemed professional lent his time and talent to many other
11 worthwhile endeavors, serving as president of the boards of
12 directors of Family Counseling Services, Goodwill Industries, and
13 the United Way of Corpus Christi; he derived great spiritual
14 strength from the community of faith at First United Methodist
15 Church, and he wrote a book entitled *Let's Talk About Faith* to
16 better share his beliefs with friends and colleagues; and

17 WHEREAS, At the heart of Mr. Anderson's life was his loving
18 and close-knit family, and he took great pride and pleasure in the
19 achievements of his wife and their children and grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, In giving of himself to help shape and strengthen
21 the town he loved, Ted Anderson has left a legacy of good works and
22 accomplishment that will continue to have a positive influence in
23 the lives of his fellow Texans for years to come; now, therefore, be
24 it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
26 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
27 Ted Anderson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his

1 family: to his wife of more than 55 years, Peggy Anderson; to their
2 children and children's spouses, T. Mark Anderson and his wife,
3 Deborah, Carol Christine Anderson-Colville and her husband, Jim,
4 Jeffrey David Anderson, and Patricia Gail Riley and her husband,
5 Shane; to his grandchildren, Travis, Connor, Alexandra, Noelle,
6 Austin, and Tessa; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ted
11 Anderson.