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H.R. No. 693

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family, friends, and Austin-area residents are  
2 deeply saddened by the death of restaurateur and community leader  
3 Bruce Derden Walcutt, who passed away on May 6, 2006, at the age of  
4 58; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on September 26, 1947, on a farm outside  
6 Grapevine, Bruce Walcutt moved with his family to Austin in 1955; he  
7 graduated from Austin High School, where he met his future wife,  
8 Mary Holt, and then earned a bachelor's in business administration  
9 from The University of Texas at El Paso; after an honorable  
10 discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, he returned to  
11 Austin to enter the restaurant business; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Walcutt cofounded Pelican's Wharf in 1972, and a  
13 few years later he and some friends opened the County Line, a  
14 barbecue restaurant that has since become an Austin institution, as  
15 well as a success in 10 other cities; known for his willingness to  
16 do everything from wait tables to slice brisket, he sincerely cared  
17 for his staff, many of whom have been with the company for more than  
18 20 years; and

19           WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to Austin, this esteemed Texan  
20 shared his time and talents with many local organizations; he  
21 served as president of the Capitol Area Council Boy Scouts of  
22 America, the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Westlake  
23 Community Library, and the Headliners Club; moreover, he served on  
24 the boards of Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the Austin Heritage

1 Society, the Austin Restaurant Association, Ballet Austin, and  
2 Philmont Scout Ranch; and

3 WHEREAS, Having been a Boy Scout himself, Mr. Walcutt  
4 relished the chance to renew his interest in scouting when his son,  
5 Paul, joined Troop 5, and throughout the years, they had many  
6 outdoor adventures and made important friendships; Mr. Walcutt  
7 continued his support of scouting long after his son was grown, and  
8 in 2001, he received the Silver Antelope Award, one of the highest  
9 honors granted by the Boy Scouts, for his outstanding service to  
10 youth in the capital area; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Walcutt was a devoted family man who loved to  
12 travel; together with his wife and son, he explored the terrain and  
13 culture of locales throughout the world; in addition, he took great  
14 pleasure in going on regular camping trips with a group of close  
15 friends; and

16 WHEREAS, Bruce Walcutt inspired people everywhere with his  
17 integrity, enthusiasm, and generosity, and although his passing has  
18 left a void in the lives of those who knew and loved him, his spirit  
19 will live on in their hearts forever; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
22 Bruce Derden Walcutt and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
23 his family: to his wife, Mary; to his son, Paul; to his  
24 sisters-in-law, Diane Walcutt and Ana Salas-Porrás-King; to his  
25 brothers-in-law, Tommy Holt and his wife, Angela, and Joe Holt and  
26 his wife, Mary Pat; to his nephews, Matthew Walcutt, Jonathan Holt,  
27 and Benjamin Holt; to his nieces, Maria Walcutt, Casey Holt, and

1 Shannon Holt; to his cousins, Irv and Rosalie Cumbie; and to his  
2 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bruce  
6 Derden Walcutt.