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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times, loving
2 moments, and meaningful accomplishments may console and comfort the
3 family and friends of Stuart M. DeLuca of Austin, who passed from
4 this life on January 5, 2005, at the age of 62; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on October 25, 1942, Mr. DeLuca
6 graduated from Calume High School, where he met his future wife,
7 Joan Baker; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in fine arts from
8 Illinois Wesleyan University and a master's degree in fine arts
9 from The University of Texas at Austin; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. DeLuca was a writer by trade, a humanitarian at
11 heart; he authored a host of textbooks, several screenplays, and
12 *The Book of Principles*, based on his religious, ethical, and moral
13 beliefs, but perhaps his greatest contributions came through his
14 dedicated service in behalf of others; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1996, he joined with his brother, Sheldon, to
16 found the Texas Inmate Families Association (TIFA), a group that
17 aims to serve, promote, and protect the interests of the families of
18 persons convicted of serious crimes in Texas; this commendable
19 organization also works to address criminal justice system reform
20 and foster more effective rehabilitation of offenders, to the
21 benefit of all; and

22 WHEREAS, He also lent his time and talents to serving as chair
23 of the board of directors of the fund-raising federation, Another
24 Way Texas Shares, as president of his *REACT* team and editor of the

1 bimonthly magazine *REACT International*, and as secretary of the
2 local unit of the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians; and

3 WHEREAS, Stuart DeLuca was a caring and compassionate man who
4 was a source of joy and inspiration to a great many people; though
5 his presence will be deeply missed, he leaves behind a legacy of
6 altruistic service that will have a lasting and profound impact on
7 the lives of countless Texans; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Stuart M. DeLuca and
10 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
11 Joan DeLuca; to his son, David DeLuca, and his wife, Kim; to his
12 daughter, Patty Byars, and her husband, Larry; to his
13 grandchildren, Millicent and Christopher DeLuca and Trevor and
14 Cassidy Byars; to his mother, June DeLuca; to his brothers, Sheldon
15 DeLuca, Paul DeLuca, Brian DeLuca, and his wife, Priscilla, and
16 Christopher DeLuca and his wife, Sandra; to his mother-in-law,
17 Bertha Baker; to his brother-in-law, Richard Baker, and his wife,
18 Pat; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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