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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of Roy Evans, at the
3 age of 79, brings to all those who loved this good man; and

4 WHEREAS, A committed civil rights and workers' compensation
5 advocate, Mr. Evans was an incomparable leader in Texas organized
6 labor who helped provide a strong voice for many in the Lone Star
7 State; and

8 WHEREAS, He dedicated his time and energy to a host of
9 organizations over the years, including the International Union,
10 United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of
11 America (UAW), the Office and Professional Employees International
12 Union (OPEIU), International Association of Machinist and
13 Aerospace Workers (IAM), International Union of Electronic,
14 Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers (IUE), the
15 Newspaper Guild, and the American Federation of Government
16 Employees (AFGE); and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans rose through the ranks by his hard work and
18 astute leadership to become administrative vice-president of the
19 CIO, president of a UAW local, and public relations director,
20 secretary-treasurer, and president of the Texas AFL-CIO, a position
21 in which he served with distinction from 1971 to 1973; and

22 WHEREAS, Among the many accomplishments realized during his
23 exceptional career, Mr. Evans served as a labor negotiator during
24 talks over workers' compensation reform, on the Industrial Accident

1 Board, as the first president of the Texas Labor Movement
2 Foundation, and as a workers' compensation advisor and liaison for
3 the U.S. Department of Labor; he was duly recognized for his
4 significant efforts in 2000, when he was inducted into the Texas
5 Labor Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Roy Evans was a man of great vision who dedicated
7 much of his life to improving the working conditions of countless
8 Texans; though his special presence will be missed by all who knew
9 him, his spirit will surely live on in the hearts of the many people
10 whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Roy Evans and extend
13 sincere sympathy to all those who mourn the passing of this
14 extraordinary man; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
17 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roy
18 Evans.