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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of William E. Peavy, Jr., on December
2 26, 2004, at the age of 85, concluded a remarkable life of
3 professionalism and public service; and

4 WHEREAS, Raised in Dallas and Garland, Mr. Peavy was the son
5 of William E. Peavy and Gladys Nash Peavy, both members of
6 pioneering North Texas families; his maternal grandfather was
7 Thomas F. Nash, a Dallas County judge and cofounder of the city of
8 Garland; after attending Garland High School, Mr. Peavy graduated
9 from The University of Texas in 1941, where he was a member of Delta
10 Sigma Pi; a selfless patriot, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S.
11 Navy in World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, After returning from the war, Mr. Peavy settled in
13 Garland and founded the Peavy Insurance Agency with his mother; the
14 family-owned and family-operated company grew to be one of the
15 largest independent insurance agencies in the Dallas area, and he
16 earned designations as a chartered life underwriter and chartered
17 property casualty underwriter; ever mindful of insurance industry
18 standards, he served as a member and president (1978-1979) of the
19 Independent Insurance Agents of Texas and received the Drex G.
20 Foreman Award in 1988, and he was also a board member of the
21 Independent Insurance Agents of America; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Peavy, a passionate proponent of volunteerism,
23 was an altruistic citizen of the Garland community; he served as a
24 city council member, president of the administrative board of the

1 First United Methodist Church, president of the Junior Chamber of
2 Commerce, and president of the Eastern Hills Country Club; and

3 WHEREAS, After his retirement and move to Austin in 1991, Mr.
4 Peavy enjoyed socializing with friends on the golf course, his home
5 away from home; never deterred from pursuing his game, he was a
6 mainstay on the golf courses of Austin; his fellow players were
7 delighted by his friendly presence, and he never failed to brighten
8 the days of those around him; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Peavy's outgoing and generous personality will
10 long be remembered by his loving family and friends and by those who
11 were touched by his commitment to civic service; he was a giving
12 individual who contributed an inordinate amount to professionalism
13 in Texas; he also doted on his wife, children, and grandchildren,
14 who knew him as a loyal family man with little standing in the way of
15 quality time spent together; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William E. Peavy, Jr.,
18 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
19 wife, Joanna Peavy; to his son, Carl Peavy, and his wife, Linda; to
20 his daughter, Judy Boreham, and her husband, Roland; to his sister,
21 Doris Hubbard, and her husband, George; to his grandsons, Richard
22 Alexander, Gregory Peavy, William Alexander, and Christopher
23 Peavy; to his four great-grandchildren; and to the other relatives
24 and many friends of this esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory or William E.
2 Peavy, Jr.