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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of  
3 Joe Grady Moore, Jr., of Austin and Richardson, who passed away on  
4 March 11, 2005, at the age of 80; and

5           WHEREAS, This distinguished Texan was born on August 6, 1924,  
6 in Bagwell and graduated from Clarksville High School with  
7 valedictorian honors; a frontline medic in the U.S. Army during  
8 World War II, he was wounded by a German sniper in 1944 and received  
9 a Purple Heart for his meritorious service; and

10           WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Moore  
11 earned bachelor's and master's degrees in government from The  
12 University of Texas at Austin; in 1950 he accepted a position as a  
13 research assistant with the Texas Legislative Council, marking the  
14 beginning of an outstanding career in service to the State of Texas  
15 that would span 35 years; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Moore went on to serve as executive director of  
17 the Texas Industrial Accident Board and finance examiner for the  
18 Texas Commission for Higher Education before working as chief  
19 budget examiner for Governor John Connally and as an assistant to  
20 Governor Price Daniel; he subsequently officiated as director of  
21 the Office of Research at the UT Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public  
22 Affairs, and he taught at both UT Dallas and Texas State University,  
23 where he held the rank of distinguished professor; and

24           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to preserving clean water and

1 protecting the environment, Mr. Moore served in a number of  
2 capacities that enabled him to work in behalf of those causes,  
3 including program director for the National Commission on Water  
4 Quality, commissioner of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
5 Administration, executive director of the Texas Water Development  
6 Board, and chair of the Texas Water Quality Board; moreover, he  
7 helped to write the state's first water pollution control laws and  
8 regulations and lent his expertise as a special master or monitor  
9 for three judges presiding over cases dealing with environmental  
10 issues; and

11 WHEREAS, In recognition of his admirable efforts in behalf of  
12 the environment, Mr. Moore was awarded a host of accolades,  
13 including the Charles Alvin Emerson Medal from the Water  
14 Environment Federation and the 1989 Outstanding Public Service  
15 Award from the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, and  
16 he was made an honorary lifetime member of the Water Environment  
17 Federation; furthermore, he was a valued member of the National  
18 Academy of Political Science, the Austin Society of Public  
19 Administration, and the Water Environment Association of Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was also a faithful congregant of First  
21 Baptist Church in Austin, where he served as a deacon and Sunday  
22 school teacher, and a valued member of the Royal Lane Baptist Church  
23 in Dallas when he resided in Richardson; and

24 WHEREAS, Although Joe Moore will be greatly missed, his  
25 legacy will live on in his myriad contributions to the State of  
26 Texas as a lifelong public servant and teacher as well as in the  
27 hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed with his love and

1 friendship; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Joe Grady  
4 Moore, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his  
5 family: to his wife of 56 years, Jerry; to his daughter,  
6 Anntoinette "Toni" Moore and her husband, Phil Clymer; to his son,  
7 Joe G. Moore III; to his sister, Mary Margaret Watley and her  
8 husband, Vernon; to his brothers, Robert E. Moore and his wife, Rae  
9 Jeanne, Judd Moore and his wife, Bettye, and George Moore; and to  
10 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe Grady  
14 Moore, Jr.