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H.C.R. No. 271

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to a close with the  
2 passing of Dean Vincent Grossnickle on May 3, 2007, at the age of  
3 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Kansas on August 22, 1915, Mr. Grossnickle  
5 attended Mission High School, where he excelled in academics and on  
6 the school's football team, earning the nickname of "Mission Flash"  
7 for his skills as a quarterback; he furthered his education at The  
8 University of Texas at Austin while working at the campus library to  
9 pay his tuition and graduated with highest honors in accounting;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Grossnickle began his professional career with  
12 the Internal Revenue Service in San Antonio; it was there that he  
13 met the love of his life, Mary Louise McAnney, whom he married in  
14 1941; the couple would eventually be blessed with two children as  
15 well as five grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Answering his country's call to serve,  
17 Mr. Grossnickle enlisted in the U.S. Navy and attended Officers  
18 Training School at Harvard University; his tour of duty during  
19 World War II took him to the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, and he  
20 earned the rank of captain; and

21 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Grossnickle returned to civilian  
22 life and settled in Dallas, where he worked as a C.P.A. for Arthur  
23 Anderson and earned a degree from the Southern Methodist University  
24 School of Law; his legal career began in the tax department of

1 Dresser Industries, a position that afforded him opportunities for  
2 world travel, and he later served as a partner with Peat, Marwick,  
3 and Mitchell law firm, from which he retired; he later returned to  
4 work as an attorney for the firm of Raggio & Raggio; and

5 WHEREAS, A lifelong member of Lovers Lane United Methodist  
6 Church, Mr. Grossnickle spent his later years in Paris and in  
7 Dallas, and he and his wife enjoyed boating, fishing, and golf; and

8 WHEREAS, Dean Grossnickle will long be remembered for his wit  
9 and charm, as well as for his honesty and generosity, and he leaves  
10 behind a legacy that will be forever treasured by those who held him  
11 dear; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby pay tribute to the life of Dean Vincent Grossnickle and  
14 extend sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of 65  
15 years, Mary Lou Grossnickle; to his children, Carol Lee  
16 Collinsworth and Dr. Richard Grossnickle and his wife, Lisa; to his  
17 grandchildren, Allison Lee and Jason Dean Collinsworth and Emily  
18 Ann, Dixon Beck, and Lucas Dean Grossnickle; and to his other  
19 relatives and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
23 Dean Vincent Grossnickle.