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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a distinguished native son  
2 with the passing of Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds on May 25, 2007; and

3 WHEREAS, Raised in East Texas, Herbert Reynolds joined the  
4 U.S. Air Force as a young man and served his country on active duty  
5 while attending Trinity University, where he earned a bachelor's  
6 degree in industrial psychology; and

7 WHEREAS, He continued his studies at the University of Denver  
8 and Air Force University, and before his retirement from the  
9 military in 1968, he served as director of research at an  
10 internationally renowned Air Force-NASA biomedical laboratory and  
11 as establishing commander of the Air Force Human Research Resources  
12 Laboratories; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1956, Dr. Reynolds arrived in Waco to join the  
14 staff of Baylor University; working as an Air Force ROTC assistant  
15 professor, this prolific scholar earned his master's degree and  
16 Ph.D., and his love of the Baylor community led him to devote his  
17 career following his military service to the school; beginning his  
18 outstanding tenure as executive vice president in 1969, he served  
19 14 years as president and five years as chancellor before becoming  
20 the university's president emeritus in June 2000; and

21 WHEREAS, The author of nearly 50 publications, he was a  
22 visiting scholar and fellow at Cambridge University and a member of  
23 Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and Alpha Chi honor societies; also a  
24 dedicated civic leader, he served as director of Community Bank and

1 Trust of Waco and shared his time with a number of boards and  
2 committees; and

3 WHEREAS, His contributions earned him a host of prestigious  
4 accolades, including the Baylor Founders Medal, the Scottish Rite  
5 Stephen F. Austin Award, the Independent Colleges and Universities  
6 of Texas Founders Medal, and the Association of Fundraising  
7 Professionals Lifetime Achievement Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Reynolds inspired many with his strong Christian  
9 faith, which guided him in all of his endeavors; a valued member of  
10 First Baptist Church of Waco, he had served his congregation as a  
11 deacon and deacon chairman; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout his time on this earth, Herbert Reynolds  
13 was widely respected as a man of wisdom and integrity, who gave  
14 unstintingly of his energies and talents in whatever mission he  
15 undertook; his purposeful life was rich in family, friends, and  
16 accomplishments, and although he will be greatly missed by all who  
17 knew him, his spirit will live on in the hearts of the many people  
18 whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
20 hereby pay special tribute to the life of Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds  
21 and extend deepest sympathy to his wife, Joy; to his children,  
22 Kevin, Kent, and Rhonda; and to all those who mourn the passing of  
23 this esteemed Texan; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
26 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory  
27 of Dr. Herbert H. Reynolds.