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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life filled with many loving
2 friends and family members came to an end with the passing of
3 longtime Dallas resident Norman Garvin Germany on September 21,
4 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on July 10, 1921, in Grand Saline, Mr. Germany
6 was the son of E. B. "Gene" Germany and Maggie Wilson Germany; a
7 graduate of Highland Park High School and Southern Methodist
8 University, he served his country as a member of the United States
9 Army Air Corps before beginning his professional career; and

10 WHEREAS, Entering the oil and gas business, Mr. Germany
11 worked alongside his father, whose accomplishments in that industry
12 had included cofounding Cranfill and Germany Oil Company, which was
13 renamed E. B. Germany and Sons; Norman Germany specialized in the
14 exploration and development of energy resources in Texas,
15 Louisiana, and Mississippi, and his adept leadership enhanced the
16 Germany family's reputation as innovative oil entrepreneurs; in the
17 course of his career, he became the president and the chair of the
18 board of directors for Germany Exploration and also chaired the
19 board of directors for Energy Drilling Company; he was an active
20 member of prominent industry organizations such as the Dallas
21 Petroleum Club, All American Wildcatters, the American Association
22 of Petroleum Landmen, and the Independent Petroleum Association of
23 America; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Germany undertook additional businesses and

1 civic endeavors; he served as a member of the board of directors for
2 Preston State Bank and played a prominent role in the restoration of
3 the Eola Hotel and other historic buildings in Natchez,
4 Mississippi; he was also devoted to his leisure activities, which
5 included sailing, aviation, and cheering on the Dallas Cowboys and
6 the sports teams of his alma mater, Southern Methodist University;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Norman Garvin Germany brought an enthusiastic
9 passion to all of his pursuits and to the time he spent with family
10 and friends; the many professional achievements and meaningful
11 relationships forged by this respected man are proof of his
12 initiative and his concern for others and will serve as an
13 inspiration to all those who were fortunate enough to have known
14 him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Norman Garvin Germany
17 and extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his
18 wife of 67 years, Marjorie Forrest Germany; to his children, Jean
19 Germany Bentley, Susie Germany, Patty Germany, and Forrest Germany
20 and his wife, Debbie; to his grandchildren, Amye Tatum Johnson and
21 her husband, Jeff, Ben Callan and his wife, Kelley, Laurie Callan
22 Mitchell and her husband, Johnny, Gary Fulkerson and his wife,
23 Lisa, Maggie Fulkerson Pieper, Paige Germany, Jennifer Germany
24 Crosswell and her husband, Bobby, Benjamin Germany, and Michael
25 Germany; to his six great-grandchildren; and to the many other
26 relatives and friends of this distinguished Texas business leader;
27 and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
3 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Norman
4 Garvin Germany.

