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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Frederic E. Wagner of Dallas on June  
2 16, 2006, has brought a profound sense of loss to his family and  
3 friends, who will long remember with great affection his strength,  
4 courage, and love; and

5           WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Wagner was born in Waco and  
6 attended school at Our Lady of Good Counsel and at Sunset High in  
7 Dallas; following his graduation from high school, he enrolled at  
8 Southern Methodist University and then at The University of Texas,  
9 earning a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman enjoyed a varied and  
12 successful career as an engineer and entrepreneur; his first  
13 venture was a construction company that he established with his  
14 lifelong friend, Jim Williams; in 1955, he formed Eldorado Oil and  
15 Gas, Inc., which operated in West Texas, Louisiana, and Venezuela;  
16 he also demonstrated his exceptional leadership abilities as  
17 president of Sovereign Development, Williams and Wagner  
18 Construction Co., Williams and Wagner Investments, Inc., Sovereign  
19 Oil and Gas, Inc., and Wagner Stables; and

20           WHEREAS, Despite the demands of his many enterprises, Mr.  
21 Wagner always gave generously of his talents and expertise to his  
22 professional and civic communities; a former member of the Texas  
23 Governors Energy Commission, he was also active with the Boy Scouts  
24 of America, serving as a scoutmaster for many years; in addition, he

1 was affiliated with the American Society of Photogrammetry, the  
2 Society of Petroleum Engineers, the Electron Microscopy Society of  
3 America, and the Dallas Geological Society as well as the Dallas  
4 Petroleum Club, the Dallas Gun Club, the National Rifle  
5 Association, the Horseman's Benevolent Association, the California  
6 Thoroughbred Breeders Association, and the California Racing Hall  
7 of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Wagner was a devoted husband and  
9 father and a man of deep faith; he worshipped for four decades at  
10 Central Christian Church, where he was a valued member of the Rowand  
11 Sunday School Class; and

12 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Frederic E.  
13 Wagner will remember a true "Renaissance man" whose positive  
14 attitude, integrity, and enduring love of God, family, and  
15 community earned him the lasting respect and admiration of  
16 countless individuals; although he is deeply missed, his legacy  
17 lives on in the hearts of those whose lives he touched; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frederic E. Wagner and  
21 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of  
22 41 years, Ellen Seay Wagner; to his daughter, Jana Hilda Wagner; to  
23 his mother-in-law, Jewell Seay; to his sisters-in-law, Carolin Seay  
24 Havens and Loretta Seay; to his 19 nieces and nephews; and to all  
25 who mourn the passing of this much-loved man; and, be it further

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

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1 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frederic  
2 E. Wagner.