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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, William Crenshaw Miller of Dallas died on November
2 6, 2006, at the age of 100, leaving behind a legacy of
3 accomplishment that will continue to resonate in the lives of
4 others for many years to come; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Brownwood on December 31, 1905, "Dub" Miller
6 was raised by his mother after the untimely death of his father from
7 tuberculosis three months before his birth; the pair lived with
8 relatives for several years, moving to Dallas in 1911, where he
9 attended Oak Cliff and W. H. Adamson High Schools and earned
10 undergraduate and law degrees from Southern Methodist University;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The former Marine second lieutenant briefly worked
13 in Texaco's legal department before he was invited by his
14 father-in-law to join his commercial real estate firm, Bolanz and
15 Bolanz, in 1937; for nearly seven decades, Mr. Miller dedicated his
16 considerable energies to the business, later named Bolanz and
17 Miller Realtors, Inc., and in so doing, played an important role in
18 the growth and development of the city of Dallas; he served as first
19 vice president of the Greater Dallas Board of Realtors and as
20 president of the Dallas chapter of the Society of Industrial
21 Realtors; he retired at the age of 98; and

22 WHEREAS, Also a noted community leader, Mr. Miller served
23 three terms on the Dallas City Council, beginning in 1953, and
24 supervised the \$7.5 million renovation of Dallas Love Field and the

1 construction of the airport's current terminal; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller's extensive civic involvement included
3 service as building committee chair for Dallas Memorial Auditorium,
4 the downtown public library, Fair Park Coliseum, and the Preston
5 Hollow Presbyterian Church; a member of the Dallas Aviation
6 Council, he held the office of president of the North Dallas Chamber
7 of Commerce and of the Arabian Horse Club of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Further benefiting from his participation and
9 commitment were the boards of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation,
10 the State Fair of Texas, Vickery ISD, and Austin College, which
11 presented him with a Founders Medal for his active service since
12 1960 and the Toddie Lee Wynne Award; other honors included the
13 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse
14 Society, an AARP award, an Eastwood Cup for outstanding service as a
15 realtor, and induction into the North Texas Commercial Association
16 of Realtors Hall of Honor; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller shared 58 years of marriage with his
18 beloved wife, Nell Bolanz Miller, until her death in 1994; the
19 couple were blessed with two sons, Bo and Will, and happily welcomed
20 two more generations of descendants into their family; and

21 WHEREAS, Widely respected for his myriad civic contributions
22 as well as for his wisdom and his kindness, "Dub" Miller made a
23 positive difference in the city he was proud to call home, and he
24 will long be remembered with great admiration and affection; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William Crenshaw

1 Miller and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
2 his sons, Charles Miller and his wife, Lasandra, and William C.
3 Miller III and his wife, Judy; to his grandchildren, Scott, Andrea,
4 Jeanne, Wes, and Justin, and their spouses; to his nine
5 great-grandchildren, Brooke, Merit, Will, Travis, Harper, Miller,
6 J. B., Kate, and Gray; to his sister, Louise Munroe; and to his
7 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
10 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
11 Crenshaw Miller.