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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The long and productive life of a pioneering Texas 2 architect has drawn to a close with the passing of Daniel Boone of 3 Abilene on December 25, 2006, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Dan Boone was born in Waco on December 4, 1913, the son of Harry Holmes Boone and Clara Whiteman Boone; he graduated from high school in Fort Worth and was trained as an architect at The University of Texas at Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1943, Mr. Boone answered his country's call to 9 duty in World War II; commissioned as a captain in the United States 10 Army Corps of Engineers, he served a 30-month tour of duty in 11 Europe; and

12 WHEREAS, Following the war, he settled in Abilene and was 13 employed by architect David S. Castle; in 1956, Mr. Boone joined 14 with engineer William Pope to form the architectural firm of Boone and Pope; over the next 30 years, the firm designed and built a 15 number of important buildings in West Texas, including the Abilene 16 City Hall, the Abilene Civic Center, the Taylor County Expo Center 17 Coliseum in Abilene, and the city's Mann and Madison Middle 18 Schools; Boone and Pope also designed significant buildings on the 19 campuses of McMurry University and Hardin-Simmons University; and 20

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Boone was highly respected in his profession, 22 serving as president of the Texas Society of Architects and 23 representing Texas on the American Institute of Architects Board of 24 Directors; he was also elected to the board of directors of the

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National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and served for a year as its president; in 1972, Dan Boone received the Pitts Award from the Texas Society of Architects for distinguished service to the profession, that organization's highest honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Boone is fondly remembered as an expert and 6 passionate fly fisherman, the veteran of many happy fishing 7 expeditions with his friends and family; Dan Boone was respected 8 for his fairness, honesty, and assured leadership, and his 9 contributions to West Texas architecture will stand as an enduring 10 example of professional excellence and integrity; now, therefore, be it 11

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Daniel Boone and 13 14 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his 15 wife, Mary Ellen; to his sons, Daniel and his wife, Ann, and Mark and his wife, Julie; to his stepson, Logan Wilson; to 16 his 17 grandchildren, Kade, Matthew, Rhoda, and William; to his great-grandchildren, Ashley and Isabella; and to the other 18 relatives and friends of this talented architect; and, be it 19 20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Daniel 24 Boone.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 121 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 22, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House