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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Austin community lost an esteemed public servant
2 and caring friend with the death of Roy Edwin Wright on August 22,
3 2005, and the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has
4 named its technology wing in his honor to recognize his years of
5 leadership and dedication to the school; and

6 WHEREAS, Born on December 22, 1951, Roy Wright grew up in
7 Tennessee and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from
8 Tennessee Technological University; he subsequently moved to
9 Austin, where he found his calling working with students at the
10 Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; hired as a
11 houseparent, he ultimately founded and directed the school's
12 department of technology services, and his distinguished tenure
13 there spanned more than 25 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Guided by a strong belief in the use of technology to
15 improve the lives of visually impaired students, Mr. Wright
16 developed TSBVI into one of the most technologically advanced
17 schools of its kind in the country; he was genuinely beloved by
18 colleagues, staff, and students alike, and on February 9, 2007,
19 many of them gathered to commemorate the dedication of the TSBVI Roy
20 Wright Technology Wing; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright shared nearly 25 years of marriage with
22 his wife, the former Yvonne Del Rio, and their union was blessed
23 with three children, Brandon, Sage, and Miles; and

24 WHEREAS, A fun-loving and lively man, Mr. Wright truly

1 enjoyed working with children, both professionally and as a
2 volunteer; he served as a Cub Scout leader and as an assistant
3 scoutmaster, and he was especially pleased to see his oldest son
4 attain the rank of Eagle Scout and his youngest become a First Class
5 Scout; in addition, he shared his time and talents as board member
6 and treasurer for South Austin Baseball, a Little League
7 organization; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright took solace in his faith and was active in
9 several religious groups, including the Gathering of Men at the
10 First Evangelical Free Church and the Order of St. Luke prayer
11 service at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Known for his insightful and caring nature, Roy
13 Wright embraced a large group of friends and coworkers as his
14 family; although he is deeply missed, the memory of his warmth,
15 wisdom, and generous spirit will be forever treasured by those who
16 were fortunate enough to share in his love and friendship, and the
17 dedication of the TSBVI Technology Wing in his honor is a lasting
18 tribute to his contributions to the school and community; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor the life of Roy Edwin Wright and
22 commemorate the dedication of the Texas School for the Blind and
23 Visually Impaired Roy Wright Technology Wing; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and for the school and that when the Texas
26 House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
27 Roy Wright.