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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with many joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of
3 the Honorable Richard Allen Waterfield of Canadian and Austin, who
4 passed away on February 26, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Dick Waterfield was
6 born on August 24, 1939, in Canadian, and he graduated from the
7 local high school before attending Oklahoma State University, where
8 he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Waterfield's love of the Texas plains led him to
10 become owner and operator of Waterfield Ranch in Hemphill County;
11 his other business ventures included Canadian Feed Yards, Inc.,
12 Waterworks Productions, Waterfield and Associates, Inc., and
13 Longfield Farm; he also had a passion for horse racing and owned a
14 number of successful horses, including one Kentucky Derby
15 contender; and

16 WHEREAS, An active civic leader, he served on the board of
17 directors of the First State Bank of Canadian, N.A., and shared his
18 time with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, which he served as
19 president; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1986, Mr. Waterfield was elected to the Texas
21 House of Representatives; during his notable tenure representing
22 the citizens of District 88, he served on the Agriculture and
23 Livestock, Human Services, and Rules and Resolutions Committees,
24 and his distinguished service earned him recognition as Outstanding

1 Freshman Legislator; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Waterfield also served his fellow residents as
3 deputy secretary of agriculture and helped to establish the Texas
4 Agricultural Finance Authority; and

5 WHEREAS, One of his most rewarding roles later in life was
6 that of a dedicated volunteer for Meals on Wheels and More; a member
7 of the organization's board of directors since 2001 and secretary
8 of the board since 2005, he delivered meals to more than 30
9 homebound Central Texans each week, shopped for groceries, drove
10 clients to medical appointments, and was a phone friend; he was also
11 integral in the founding of Healthy Options Program for the
12 Elderly, which teamed Meals on Wheels and More with the Capital Area
13 Food Bank; in recognition of his contributions, he was named 2006
14 Volunteer of the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, Dick Waterfield set an outstanding example of
16 citizenship and service to others, and though his leadership and
17 generosity will be greatly missed, he will always be remembered
18 with sincere affection and admiration; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard Allen
21 Waterfield and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
22 family: to his wife, Brenda; to his son, R. Bruce Waterfield and his
23 partner, Robert D. Raab; to his daughter, R. Gwyn Waterfield; to his
24 brother, Jim B. Waterfield and his wife, Sandy; to Gail Lavin
25 Waterfield; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard
3 Allen Waterfield.